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Modern family

Sarah: In France and in Britain, one in three marriages ends in divorce. Do you know why Wentworth?

W: Well, among the oft-cited explanations for the high divorce rate are urbanisation, individualism and the decline of religion. This rate is even higher in big cities because communication between husband and wife is often very limited.

Sarah: what is really surprising is that in today's society even couples who have been married for thirty years do not hesitate to cut the marital knot.

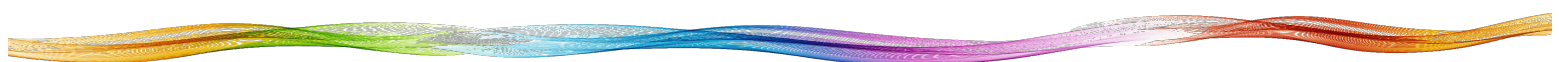
W: Well, if people did not live only for themselves and were prepared to make compromises, lots of divorces would be avoided.

Sarah: I think the worst thing in divorce is for children. People should really put their children first before splitting up, because for a child, the divorce of his parents is often traumatic. Many problem children come from broken homes.

W: For sure, when husband and wife live in perfect harmony, the children are bound to benefit from it. But recently there has been a significant increase of nuclear families and step-families. Many children come from composite families, where husband and wife partners live with their children from other partnerships.

Sarah: I think one of the consequences is that the age at which people get married has been rising steadily for thirty years and more and more people do not see the point in getting married and prefer to cohabit.

W: Fortunately, there are still many stories of couples who get married, have children and live happily ever after.





GLOSSARY:

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| Modern family | The decline |
| To end | Problem children |
| To be married | Broken homes |
| To cut the marital knot | a significant increase |
| To live for oneself | nuclear families |
| To make compromises | Step-families |
| To avoid | composite families |
| To put first | Partnerships |
| To split up | One in three |
| To be bound to | Among |
| To benefit | Very limited |
| To get married | Traumatic |
| To rise | Steadily |
| To not see the point | Happily |
| To cohabit | Ever after |
| Marriage | |
| Divorce | |
| the oft-cited explanations | |
| High divorce rate | |
| Urbanisation | |
| Individualism | |



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