

Can love cause a disease? Can love become a disease? Is love a disease?

1. Go through the list of symptoms, disorders and other calamities. Which of them, do you think, can be related to love? Type in the matching conditions next to the pictures

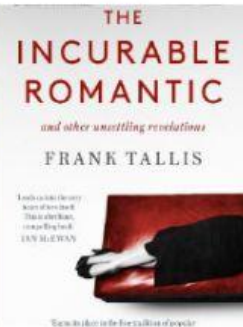








- suicide diarrhea instability of mood love sickness melancholy
- depression sore throat shortness of breath stalking
- schizophrenia heartbreak mental illness obsession
- murder sexual jealousy inappropriate attachment
- sexual addiction insomnia STD



Listen to the clip from a BBC Interview with Frank Tallis _____ and click on all the words and collocations you can hear in the snippet.

What happens when love goes wrong?
Match the words from the clip with their definitions

- overlap as acknowledged
- admittedly an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for sb/sth
- infatuation the formation of ideas or concepts
- ideation the quality of behaving mentally and emotionally like an adult

maturity

extend beyond a part of something or each other

Why are adolescents particularly vulnerable to suicidal ideations?

Gaëtan Gatian de

Clérambault, French psychiatrist

Have you ever heard of De Clérambault's syndrome?

“Delusion of love” – what comes to your mind?

Stories, films, personal experiences?



2. Read the phrases and collocations, then read the transcript of the next snippet and try to type them into the places they belong in.

their mutual love

equally and passionately

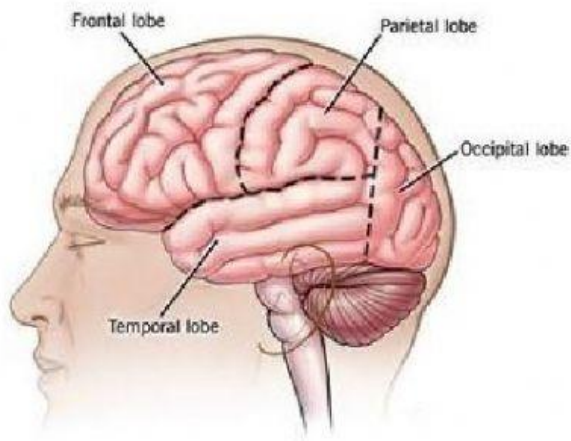
a higher status individual

the delusional belief

concealing it and hiding it

De Clérambault's syndrome is a delusion of love. And typically what happens is that an individual, more commonly a woman than a man, falls in love with _____ . It's quite sudden, there's no preamble, so it's pretty much love at first sight. The feelings are very intense and very strong. That in itself isn't, you might say, extraordinary because lots of people do fall in love at first sight, but it's associated with _____ that the person they've fallen in love with also loves them, loves them _____. But for reasons perhaps that they are frightened of the intensity of the experience, they are _____. And then the De Clérambault's syndrome patient then attempts to make the person who they've fallen in love with accept the reality of _____, and this often results in stalking, harassment and all kinds of difficulties in terms of the De Clérambault's sufferer invading the person who they've fallen in love with's life. So it's a very problematic condition.

Listen and check _____. Give a short summary.



3. Listen to the next clip from the BBC programme _____ .

Do we know the precise reason for the De Clérambault's syndrome?

Is it easy to treat? Listen again and join the words into collocations from the clip.

not quite

lobe dysfunction

terribly

difficult to treat

temporal

as difficult

the condition

imbalances

extremely

theories

psychoanalytic

persuasive

chemical

is chronic

4. Listen to a short description of a real case of De Clérambault's syndrome Put the lines of the transcript in order you hear them.

___ The person who she had fallen in love with was her dentist.

___ And I suppose to cut a long story short, she made his life so difficult by her constant pursuit of him that he actually left the country in order to escape her attention.

___ Meghan was that... she was just such an ordinary sweet-natured woman, was happily married.

___ She felt that they had such a special relationship, such a connection, that there was a mystical element in her experience.

___ And she just developed this condition, as is often the case, pretty much overnight, and it had an extraordinary effect on her life and on the life of the person who she had fallen in love with.

___ And she used to have moments where she actually felt that she was able, if you like, to psychologically commune with him, even though he was at a great distance.

5. Watch the video from an Australian morning show and choose the correct options:

1. John Hinckley attempted to assassinate Ronald Reagan
to protest against the Cold War
to impress Jodie Foster
2. Anna B thought that
she was having the baby of Charles Philip Arthur George, Prince of Wales
King George V was communicating with her through the palace curtains
3. Margaret "Peggy" Ray stole and was driving the Porsche
of American late night talk show host David Letterman, the
of American astronaut Story Musgrave