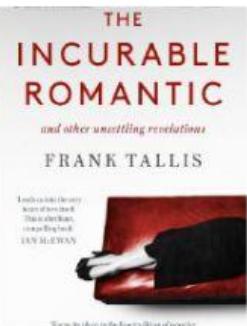


Can love cause a disease? Can love become a disease? Is love a disease?

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

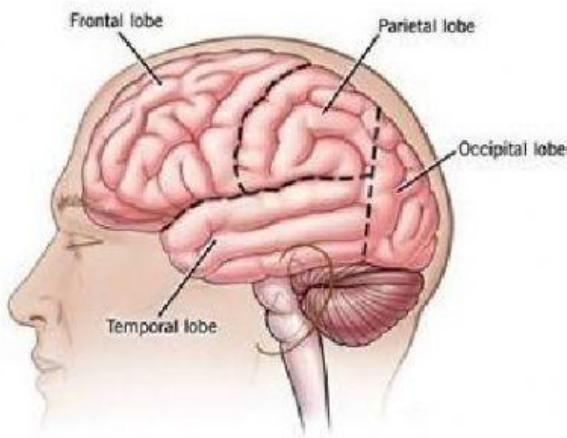
the delusional belief

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