

Reading

A |  Read and listen.

Do opposites attract?

Television and movies have taught us that "opposites attract." No one has been able to prove it, but many studies have suggested that this isn't a good way to choose a life partner. Most studies show that while people may think they want someone who is their opposite, they choose someone whose personality is very similar to their own.

There may be a biological explanation for the opposites attract theory. Many women are attracted to the scent of men who have major histocompatibility complex (MHC) genes that are different from their own. Studies show that women may be unconsciously seeking out these different genes to give their children the best possible chance at survival.

However, successful relationships are a result of many factors. People are often attracted to what they perceive themselves to be. People also tend to be attracted to people who have similar

interests, views, and attitudes. Though a mutual love of movies will not make a relationship perfect, at least you'll have something to talk about. Similar attitudes about religion and family are also often important.

People aren't just looking for their clone, though. They are looking for someone who complements them. Someone who is naturally anxious might choose a partner who is very calm and easygoing. Someone who is bad with managing money might seek out someone who is very organized and on top of things.



B | Read the sentences. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 Opposites attract has been used on television and movies.
- 2 People always choose their opposite.
- 3 There is a biological explanation for the opposites attract theory.
- 4 People aren't attracted to others with similar views.
- 5 Similar attitudes can be important.
- 6 People are looking for their clone.

Listening

A |  Listen. Write the number of the conversation next to the correct picture. One picture is not used.



B |  Listen again. Who said it? Write the number of the conversation next to the correct sentence.

- 1 Our wives are friends, too.
- 2 I didn't have many friends either.
- 3 We can't stand sports.
- 4 She's a big jazz fan, and so am I.
- 5 I feel like we really are brothers.
- 6 Neither of us could dance.