1 DO OPPOSITES ATTRACT?

Before you watch

A What do people need to have in common for a harmonious relationship? Choose the three most important things partners should share in your opinion.

☐ cultural background	☐ past experiences	☐ religion
☐ hobbies/interests	☐ personality type	☐ tastes in books and movies
☐ outlook on life	☐ political views	☐ values

B **Pair work** Compare and discuss your choices in part A. Then decide upon the most important thing people should have in common. Share your choice with the class. Give reasons and examples to support your opinion.

A: We think the most important thing people should have in common is their values. If your values are different, it can affect a lot of areas in your life, like your future plans or how you raise your family.

While you watch

A Take notes to answer the questions in your own words.

1. What do experts think people need to look for in friendships and love relationships?

   _____

2. What may the differences that are attractive at first cause a couple to do later on?

   _____

3. Why is it harder for people with opposite personalities to form a relationship?

   _____

B Write the letter of the correct video character to complete each sentence. Use each letter twice.

a. The good girl

b. The laid-back artist

c. The outgoing boyfriend

d. The type-A businesswoman

1. ____ should find someone with relaxed energy.
2. ____ is not a good match for a shy partner.
3. ____ may be better off dating a businessperson.
4. ____ would enjoy being with a highly social person.
5. ____ is preferred by the laid-back artist but is not a good match for one.
6. ____ may tend to fall for the rebel.
7. ____ may feel a businessperson has traits that are helpful.
8. ____ will have a harmonious relationship with a nice person.

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C Choose the correct answer according to information in the video.

1. Research shows that people may admire _____.
   a. people like them b. expert opinions c. people who have skills they lack
2. We need to date people whose _____ are similar to our own.
   a. experiences and values b. personality and attitudes c. religious and political beliefs
3. People on dating websites usually decide to go out with people who _____ them.
   a. complement b. are similar to c. are the opposite of
4. If you end up dating someone who is your opposite, you should _____.
   a. remember to reconnect after arguments b. say good-bye c. examine the differences in attitude and personality
5. Differences in views on things like politics and movies are usually differences in _____.
   a. attitude b. personality c. values
6. Once opposite personalities clash, it may be harder for them to _____.
   a. reconnect with each other b. rehash old times c. share relaxed energy

After you watch

A **Pair work** The video states that there is a big difference between opposite attitudes and opposite personalities in relationships. Look at the personal aspects in *Before you watch* part A. Write *A* next to those related to attitude and *P* next to those related to personality. Discuss your choices.

B **Pair work** List the 10 most important things for you in a mate. Exchange lists and classify your partner's choices into traits relating to attitude, appearance, or personality. Then discuss the questions below.

1. Do you agree or disagree on the classifications?
2. Do you feel either list should be adjusted? If so, how and why?

A: The trait "likes sports" is an attitude, so it may not be very important.
B: I have to disagree. For me, sports are everything! If my partner didn't go to sporting events with me, he'd be very lonely!

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