1. **Read the following text and answer TRUE or FALSE.**

What Is Love?

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Why Do We Ask, "What Is Love?"

Whenever we ask, "What is love?" it's usually because a) we're unsure if a certain special someone really loves us, or b) because **(1) a certain special someone accused us of not really loving them.**

When we are truly engaged in giving and receiving love, **(2) we don't ponder such philosophical questions**. It's only when something is lacking that we begin to analyze and contemplate what that thing actually is. For example, nobody sits down to a full meal and asks, "What is a pastrami sandwich?"

So, if **(3) we're even asking the question**, "What is love?" it probably means that we don't feel completely loved, or that someone doesn't feel completely loved by us.

But since we're asking, let's try to answer the question.

"Am I Loved?" Vs. "Do I Love?"

The two scenarios that usually cause us to contemplate "What is love?" give meaning to the question. Either we wonder, "Am I loved?" or we ask, "Do I love?"

It is easier to first address the "What is love?" question in terms of the love we feel coming toward us. If we understand how to recognize when we are being loved, we can also learn to recognize our love for another.

When we are loved, we tend to feel it intuitively in our guts. But how does it work? Is there an extrasensory perception in the heart that is able to read the feelings in another person's heart?

In fact, it's really not that ethereal or supernatural. On the contrary, it's pretty practical and down-to-earth. Our hearts take cues from our senses. Everything we see, hear, taste, touch or smell teaches us about our universe. We don't need to contemplate or ask questions. Our sensory organs report to our brains, and our brains interpret the data and send the report to our hearts. So, if we see a loving smile, hear loving words, or feel a loving touch, the brain processes this information and concludes, "Hey, we are being loved right now!"

In short, when we are loved, there is tangible proof. It's not an abstract thought or feeling, it's concrete and evidenced. This means, when you are treated with love, your heart feels that love.

Love is an Action

Now we can address the second part of the "What is love" quandary—how to know if we love someone else?

The answer is straightforward. When we behave lovingly towards someone, it means we love that person.

When we ask a question like "What is love?" we assume that we're trying to define an abstract concept similar to "What is freedom?" or "What is good fortune?" But truthfully, love is not a concept. It's an action.

To ask, "What is love?" is like asking, "What is running?" or "What is swimming?" If **(4) you've ever seen someone run or swim**, you know exactly what running and swimming entail.

The Hebrew word for love, *ahavah*, reveals this true definition of love, for the word *ahavah* is built upon the root consonants *h-v*, which means "to give." In order for love to be real love, it has to be expressed as an action. If you love your beloved, then you must show it. By the same token, if you are loved, that will show, too. You will recognize it by the way you are treated.

This is the true test: action, deeds, performance.

Feelings can be deceptive. Sometimes, what we perceive as love may in fact be another emotion. But actions cannot be mistaken. So, rather than ask, "What is love?" we must ask, "Do I perform acts of love for my beloved?" and "Does my beloved perform acts of love for me?"

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a) "What is love?" is a philosophical question.

b) There are several reasons which might explain why we ask ourselves *"what is love?"*

c) The article provides the reader with an answer to the question *"what is love?"*

d) As long as you recognize when you are being loved, you will also recognize your love for another.

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2. **Complete the following chart with the sentences numbered and underlined in bold in the text (write just the number, do not copy the whole sentence) and the following meanings:**

A COMPLETE ACTION IN THE PAST // CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE // A FACT // AN ACTION IN PROGRESS

Tense	Simple Present	Present Perfect	Present Continuous	Simple Past
Meaning				
Example (underlined in the text) Write just the number. Do not copy the sentence.				

3. **Fill in the blanks. Use the tenses described in 2.**

"What is love" _____ (be) the most searched phrase on Google in 2012, and it _____ (be) a question people _____ (ask) themselves more often than not, according to the company. What _____ (happen) nowadays that so many people around the globe _____ (google) this question as if Google _____ (have) the answer. In an attempt to get to the bottom of the question once and for all, the Guardian _____(gather) writers from the fields of science, psychotherapy, literature, religion and philosophy to give their definition of the much-pondered word.

4. **Group the following "love vocabulary" in the correct column.**

To flirt / honey bunny / having a domestic /to be smitten with somebody

Chat up- Starting a relationship	Loved up – Being in a relationship	Terms of endearment	Break up – Finish a relationship

5. **Multiple Choice.**

- In the small ads, what does 'LTR' stand for?

  a) lasting twosome romance b) long-term relationship c) love time relationship d) likely to remember

- She chats up everyone she meets. She's such

  a) a flirt with someone b) flirts c) a flirt d) flirt

- She thinks she's so great. No-one has ever split up with her before. She just can't believe without even explaining why.

  a) he split her up b) he dumped her c) she lonely hearts d) it simply isn't meant to be

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