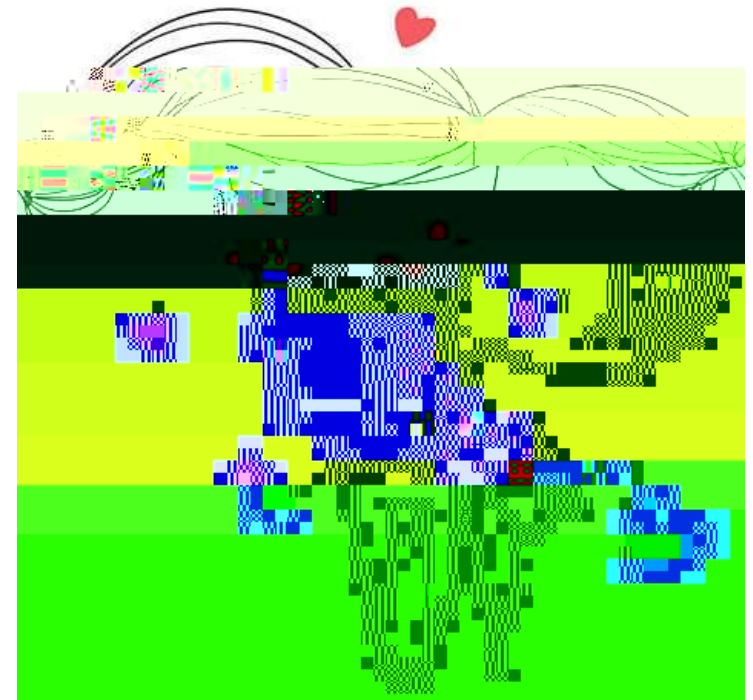


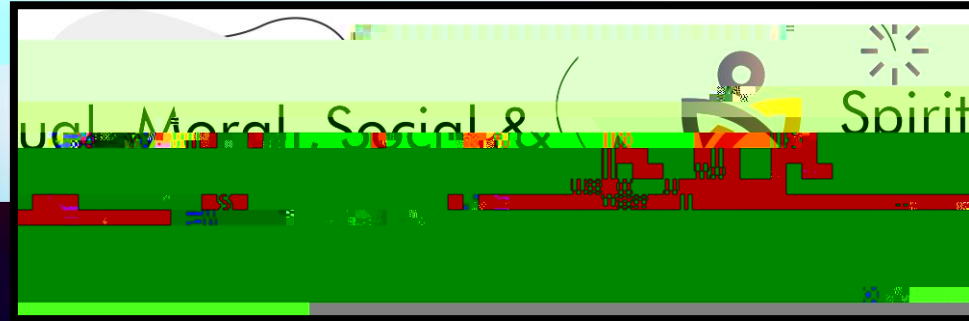
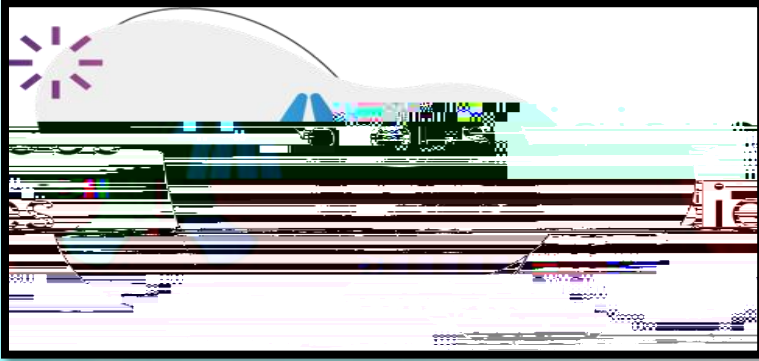
# Starter- What makes your ideal partner?

Think of 5 qualities that you would look for in a life- partner.

Rank them from 1-5, 1 being the most important quality.

Justify your top choice. Why did you place this quality at number 1?





Relationships

# Marriage

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## Finding a suitable partner: 1,2 or 3?

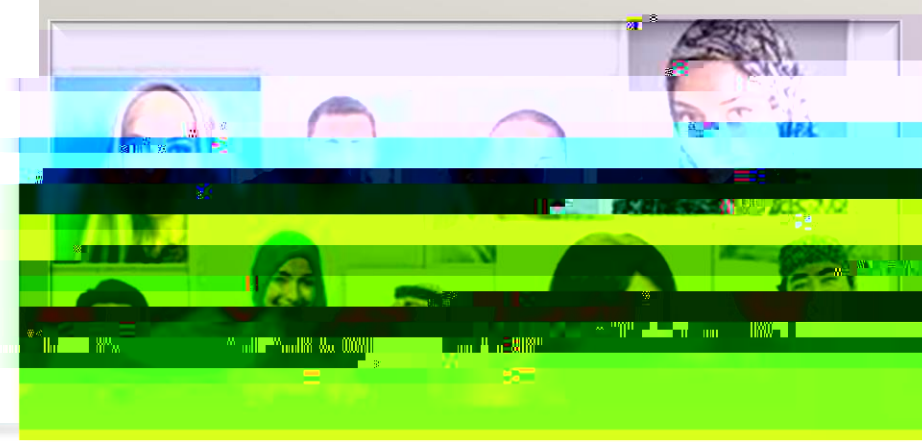
1. My parents would like to meet the guy before I agree to anything. I will only agree if they are in their choice. I hope they find me a good match and I eventually fall in love with him.

**Arranged**

2. My parents have informed me about a girl they recently met through family friends. They think we may be well suited for one another. I would like to meet her and get to know her a little better. I hope this is the beginning of something special.

3. I want to choose my partner. I want to be married to the love of my life.

## Finding a suitable partner

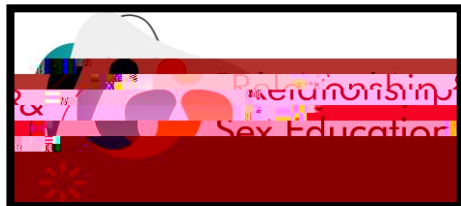
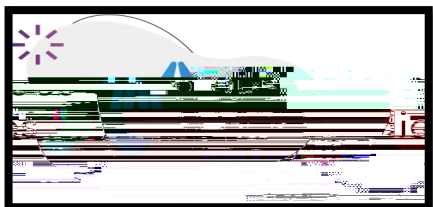


A Muslim couple may have an arranged marriage or a love marriage. Some Muslim parents arrange or assist the marriage of their son or daughter by finding a suitable partner.

According to Islamic teaching \_\_\_\_\_.

A Muslim woman must marry a Muslim man. A Muslim man can marry a Muslim, Christian or Jewish woman.

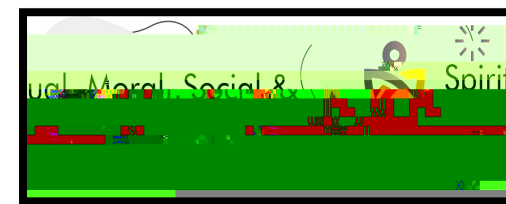
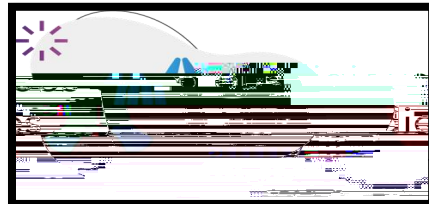
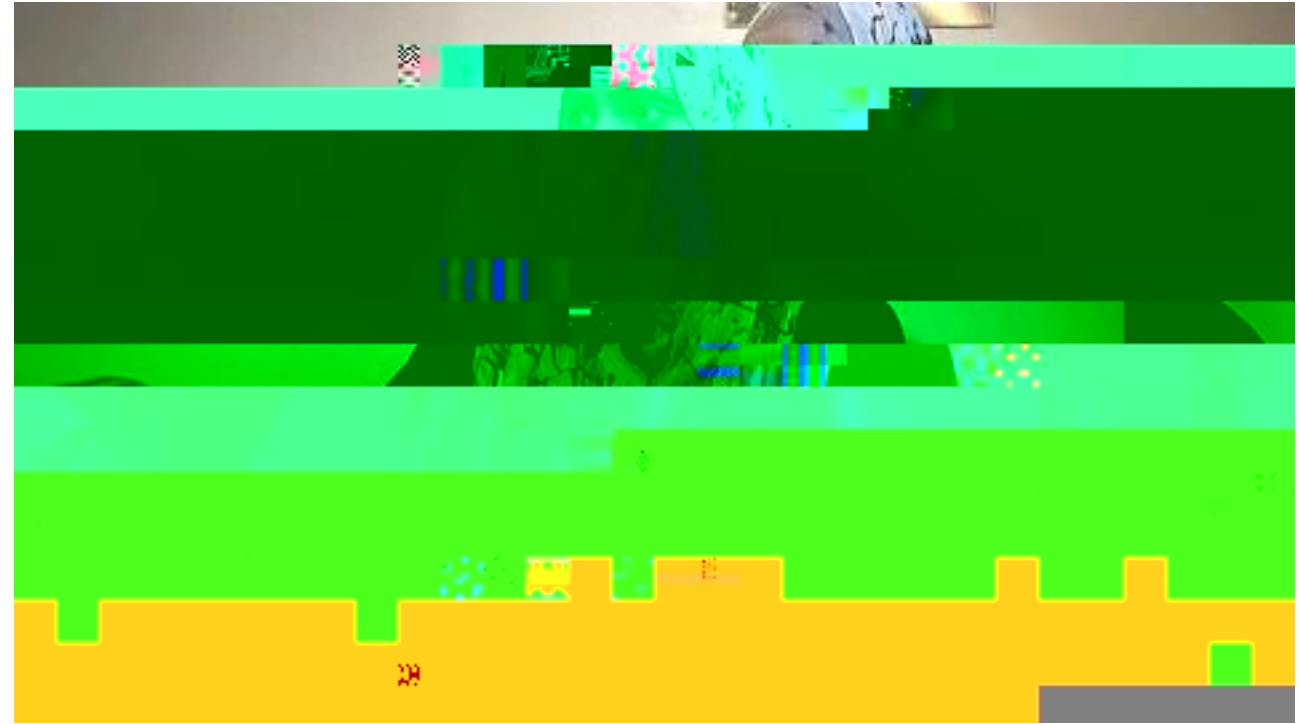
What are the possible reasons for this last point?



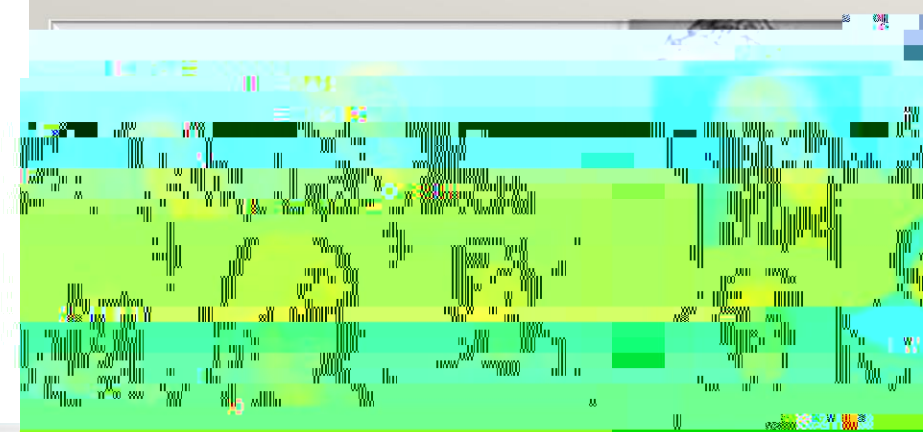
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# Strictly Soulmates

[Finding a partner- Islam BBC clip](#)



# Questions

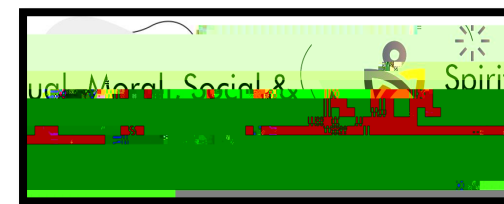
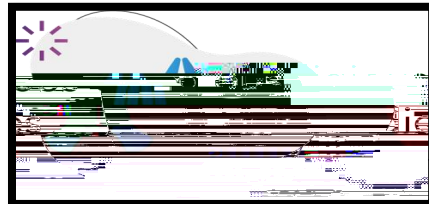


Why might some Muslims say it is better to have parents assist with finding a marriage partner?

What are the advantages of finding your own partner?

Muslim men can marry non-Muslim women, (Christian or Jewish) but Muslim women cannot. Why do you think this ruling exists?

Do you think this is fair?

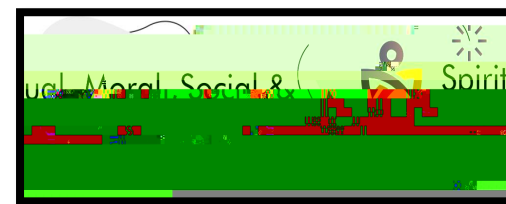
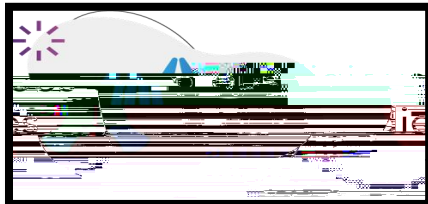


## What does Islam say about marriage?

Marriage is a serious, lifelong, public commitment. It is a legal contract that brings security to a relationship and protects the rights of each partner.

Adults are expected to marry because it is considered to be a normal part of life.

Marriage helps people to develop spiritually because it prevents them from sinning (by controlling sexuality) and adds value to their acts of worship.





# Main purpose of marriage

Muslims consider marriage to be the foundation of family life. For Muslims, the purpose of marriage is:

A faithful, lifelong partnership where both people take full responsibility for their children

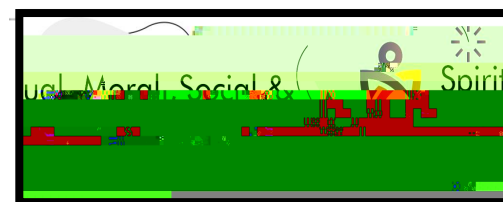
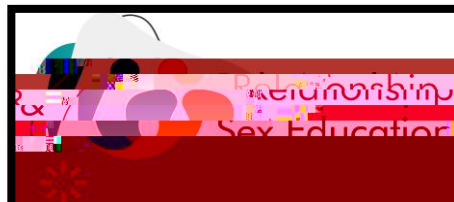
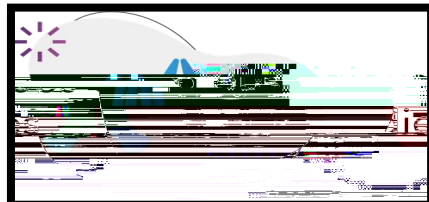
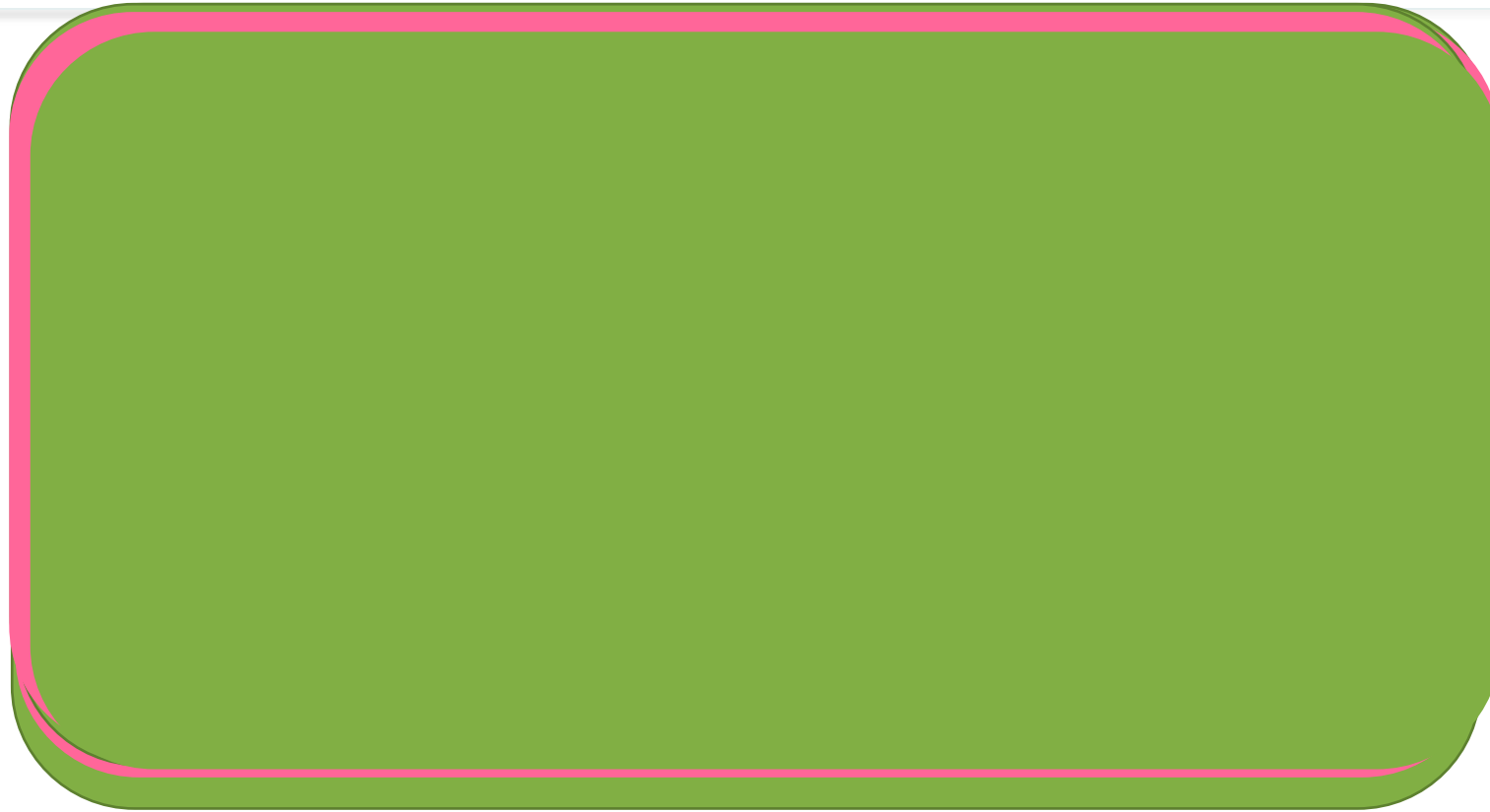
A social contract that brings together two families and has a big impact on the whole community

The best way for people to have a stable relationship and true sexual fulfilment. (This is the reason why Muslims are against cohabitation)

Question



# TRUE OR FALSE?



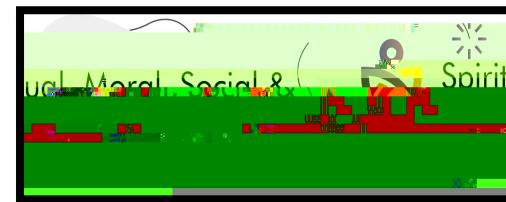
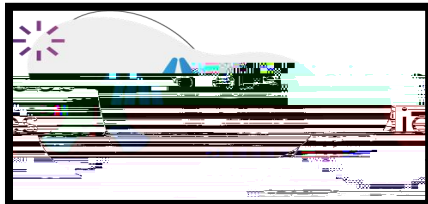
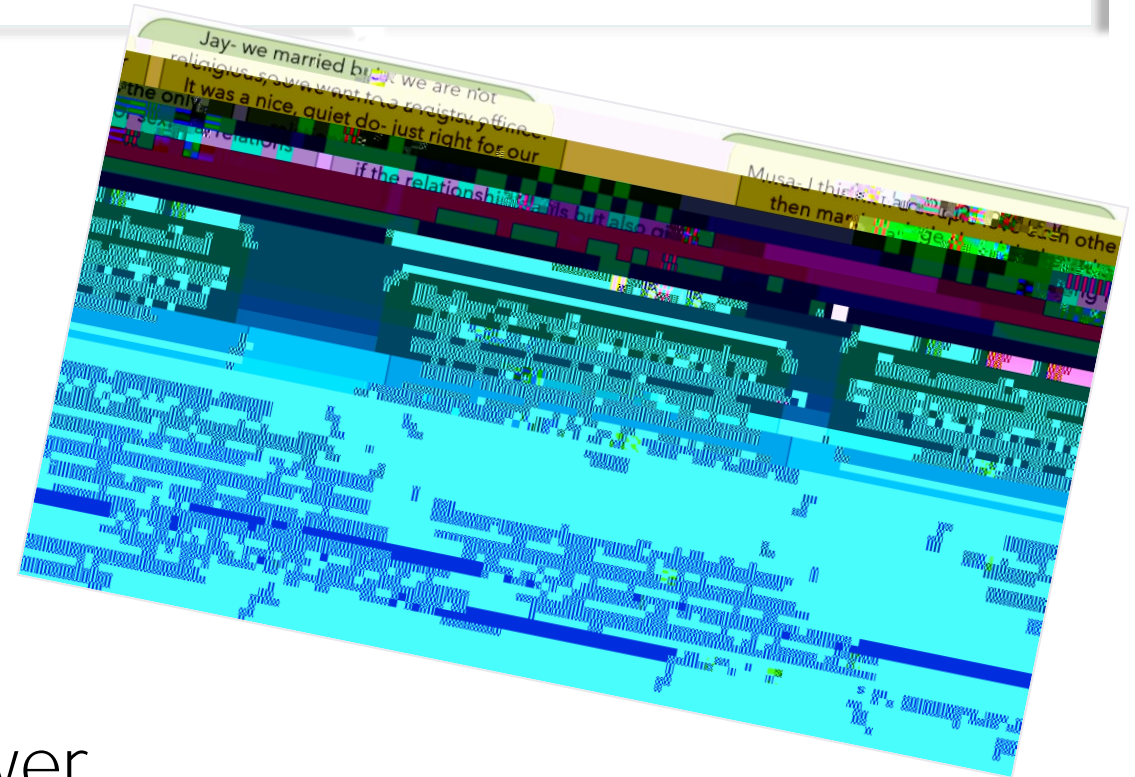
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Organise the 6 statements into 2 categories:

Agree with the opinion above

Disagree with the opinion above

Do you agree or disagree with the opinions? Give reasons for your answer.



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Jay- we married but we are not religious, so we went to a registry office. It was a nice, quiet do- just right for our relationship. It gives us both protection if the relationship fails but also gives us benefits whilst in the relationship- like taxes.

Heather- I live with my partner and we might get married in the future. Right now, we are learning to live together, rather than getting married and then finding out we

Steve- my partner and I celebrated our gay marriage this year. We have been together 25 years and can finally publicly show how we feel about each other.

Musa- I think if a couple love each other then marriage is the key. It is the only appropriate setting for sexual relations and having children.

Dave- me and my partner have lived together for fourteen years. We have two kids. Marriage is just a piece of paper

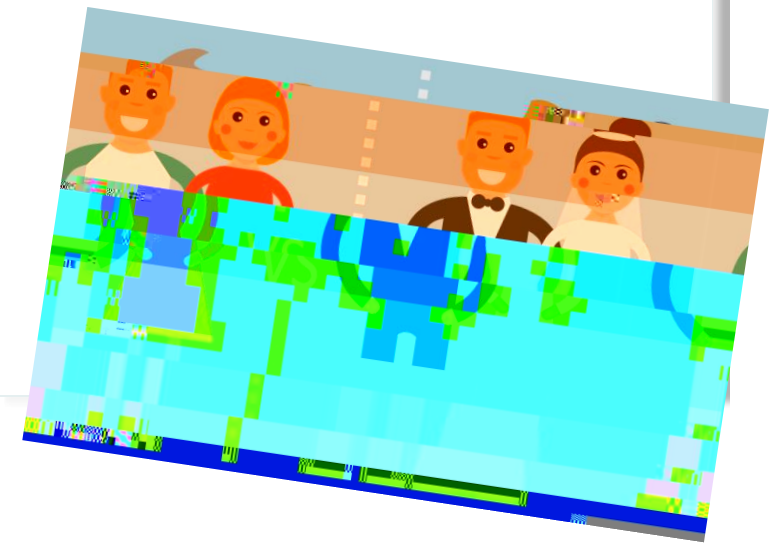
Lucy- we went through a civil partnership last year. As a gay couple, we were never going to be given the same rights as everyone else without this process. For example, now I am legally her next of kin. I

civil partnership.



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# Extension: Advantages and disadvantages



Advantages	Disadvantages

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