

Lesson 86: Divorce

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Hina: I don't know how you manage being a single mother.

Michelle: I get a lot of support from my parents.

Hina: Has your divorce been finalized?

Michelle: Not yet. I can't wait to sign the divorce papers, though.

Hina: You should throw a "single again" party and invite all the divorcees you know.

Michelle: (laughing) That's a great idea but I'm very busy with things to do. **What with** taking care of the kids, household work, my job, and attending divorce hearings in between, I barely have time to get my hair done.

Hina: That should give you more reason to celebrate. I'll organize the party. What do you say?

Michelle: Okay, let's have that party.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. **What with** all the screaming and cheering, I could barely hear his "thank you" speech.
2. I am very tired, **what with** working in the office all day and doing the housework too.
3. **What with** a million things to think about, I have forgotten where my car keys are.

* What with A and B / AやらBやらで

3. Your Task

You are a marriage counselor. A couple came to your office for counselling because of some marriage issues.

They are thinking of getting a divorce. Give them some advice.

4. Let's Talk

Why do some couples get divorced? Do you think that it's better for some couples to live separate lives?

Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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