

Lesson 86: Divorce

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1. Dialogue

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

Solomon: Did you hear about Sam and Jill? They're getting a divorce.

Masako: I know. It **came as a shock** to me too. I didn't know that they were having marriage problems.

Solomon: What happened to them? They used to cling to each other like limpets.

Masako: I wish I knew. Jill never mentioned anything about Sam.

Solomon: Their kids are too young to understand. They don't deserve to grow up in a broken family.

Masako: The kids will learn to cope with it. Sam and Jill might learn to appreciate each other more after living separate lives.

Solomon: I hope their divorce won't turn out into an ugly battle over children's custody.

Masako: I'm meeting Jill for coffee later. Will it be right to open the topic of her divorce?

Solomon: She's going through a tough time. I think you should ask her about it.

Masako: She probably needs to talk about it, anyway.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. My friend's death **came as a great shock** to me.
2. The Hollywood couple's divorce **came as a shock** to everyone.
3. The CEO's resignation **came as** quite **a shock** to the company.

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3. Your Task

You were asked to speak in a seminar about marriage to young couples. Talk about how to be a good husband or wife, and how children benefit from couples that stay together.

4. Let's Talk

Why do some couples get a divorce?

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

Explain your answer.

What are the possible effects of divorce on children?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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