

THINKING TOGETHER

Individually, complete the following sentence stems. Then compare your completed sentences. How were your sentence completions alike? How were they different? How do you account for any similarities or differences? What can you learn from discovering your own ideas, your partner's ideas, and your partner's perceptions of your ideas on subjects such as these?

1. When I wake up in the morning I feel _____.
My partner feels _____. This often results in _____.
2. When we go to parties, crowds always make me feel _____.
In crowds, my spouse feels _____; so we _____.
3. My partner wants to spend our vacation time by _____.
I want to use it for _____. Generally we _____.
4. In terms of personality traits, my partner tends to be _____.
I think I am inclined toward _____.
This is reflected in _____.
5. I look around and compare what we have with what other couples our age have
and I feel _____. My partner feels _____.
6. With respect to privacy, I need _____.
My spouse needs _____. We meet these needs by _____.
7. If we discussed "living for today" versus "saving and planning for the future", my
partner might say _____. I tend to think that _____.
8. Our life goal together is _____.
My spouse's life goal is _____, and mine is _____.
9. I believe the most effective way to keep a marriage growing is to _____
_____. My spouse acts as if the most effective way
to insure a growing marriage is to _____.
10. If I could change any on thing about our marriage, I'd change _____
_____. I suspect my spouse would change _____.