

“Successful marriages” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

Successful marriages can be predicted according to research of 17,000 marriages.

Useful research since no. of weddings in UK now only ¹
 what it was in ²

160,00 couples = 40% marriages ³

Factors for Success

Men	Women
- born to young mother	- parents own house
- marrying ⁴ <input type="text"/> 25	- parents ⁶ <input type="text"/> married
- born in rural areas	- non-manual occupation
- have religious beliefs	- 'early' child
- have ⁵ <input type="text"/>	- never lived with man

Interesting survey but how valuable?!?

DIFFICULT WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE LISTENING

- Bride:** a woman being married in a wedding ceremony.
- Doomed to failure:** certain to be unsuccessful.
- Groom:** a man being married in a wedding ceremony.
- Hit the rocks:** meet destruction; fall apart.
- Impact:** crash; the unhappy result of something that happened.
- Indicators:** signals; information that shows something will happen in the future.
- insight:** strong understanding; perception.

- Non-manual:** not physical work; office worker, for example.
- Outside the control:** impossible to change or stop.
- Rural:** related to the country - farms, villages, etc.
- Stay the course:** keep doing the same things; not changing plans.
- Straightforward:** easy; obvious.
- Wedded bliss:** very happily married.