

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- 1) Have we discussed whether or not to have children?
- 2) Do we have a clear idea of each other's financial obligations and goals, and do our ideas about spending and saving mesh?
- 3) Can we comfortably and openly discuss our sexual needs, preferences and fears?
- 4) Do we like and respect each other's friends?
- 5) Do we value and respect each other's parents, and is either of us concerned about whether the parents will interfere with the relationship?
- 6) Are there some things that you and I are NOT prepared to give up in the marriage?
- 7) If one of us were to be offered a career opportunity in a location far from the other's family, are we prepared to move?

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