

CHAPTER 31 ACTIVITY
Analyzing

Directions: Read the account of a hypothetical situation below, then answer the question that follows.

Bob and Carol want to marry. Recognizing that they are both strong-minded individuals with certain goals in mind that might cause problems within the marriage, they decide that it would be wise to discuss and decide as many issues as possible before they marry.

They visit the office of Regina, an attorney who specializes in family law, and ask her to draw up a prenuptial agreement for them. This agreement should set out in advance how Bob and Carol intend to handle certain issues that they think will arise during the marriage. It is important that they both are fully honest with each other about what property they own and any other matters that will affect the marriage.

Bob and Carol tell Regina that they are both 19 and have just graduated from high school. Bob plans to attend college next fall. He has saved \$4,000 working as a salesperson at the local hardware store. He has also just inherited \$20,000 from his grandmother.

Carol has just started working as a salesperson at a local department store. She would like to become a buyer for the store and will be enrolled in the store's training program for buyers next year. Carol will work full-time while she is being trained. The training program requires that she travel occasionally, and once she completes the program, she will probably have to move to another state in order to take a position as a buyer in another store. Carol's parents gave her a new car when she graduated from high school.

Bob and Carol would like to have a family once they have both completed training for their careers.

Name at least ten issues that Bob and Carol should talk about.

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Investigating

Directions: Find out about marriage laws in your state by contacting the local marriage bureau, and then use the information to help you fill in the blanks below.

1. To apply for a marriage license in your community, the two individuals must be at least _____ years old. If one of them is only _____ years old, they may marry with the consent of a parent or guardian.
2. In your state, may two people of the same sex get a marriage license to marry each other? (Yes or No) _____
3. What tests, if any, are required before a marriage license can be issued? Check as many as apply.
_____ HIV/AIDS
_____ Venereal disease
_____ Rubella
_____ Sickle cell anemia
4. No one can be forced to get married. In other words, both parties must _____ to be married.
5. May first cousins get married in your state? (Yes or No) _____
6. To apply for a marriage license, you must go to the _____ and pay \$ _____. The license is valid starting _____ days from the date of application. The license expires in _____ days.
7. Three people who can legally perform a marriage ceremony in your state are _____, _____, and _____.