

Course: Advance

Level 2

Day №29

***In your country,
when does a person
move out of his/
her parents' home?***



Kenji is having a problem with his girlfriend, Mika. He wrote to a website where couples can receive free professional advice on their relationships. Listen to his letter and the response.

My name is Kenji. I am 28 years old and have a good job and a wonderful girlfriend, Mika. I have a problem, and I don't know what to do. I hope you can help me.

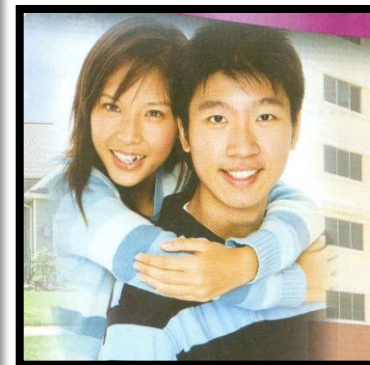
Mika and I have been dating for over three years. We love each other very much. I want to marry her, but first I need to save money for two or three years. I want Mika to live with me in my apartment. I think it's a good idea to start living together, anyway and think about marriage later.

She lives at home with her parents. I want Mika to stop living in her parents' house and move into my apartment.

Mika told me that she wants to be with me, but she is worried about her parents. She thinks they are old-fashioned in their beliefs. Her dad told her that a man and a woman should not live together before marriage. She thinks her parents will be very angry with her if she lives with me before we get married.

She is 24 years old and has a good job. She's a grown woman, not a young girl. She should explain to her parents about our situation and then move out of her parents' house and live with me. Mika does not need her parents' permission to live with me. What do you think? Am I right?

Sincerely, Kenji



Dear Kenji,

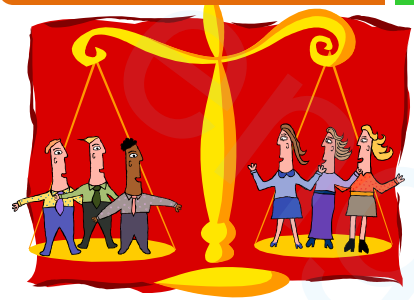
In today's world, women and men live together without being married. Some say that living together before marriage is good because the two people can get to know each other very well. Then, after six months or a year, they might want to get married. Or maybe they will break up!

Others, like Mika's parents, don't agree. They believe it is wrong for a man and a woman to live together without being married.

Here's my advice. As you say, Mika is a grown woman. She can make her own decisions. If you really love her, you should respect her wishes. She doesn't want to hurt her parents. Good luck!

Answer the questions about Kenji's situation.

- 1. What does Kenji think Mika should do?**
- 2. Does Mika want to live with Kenji before getting married?**
- 3. Why does Kenji want to wait two or three years before getting married?**
- 4. Why is Mika worried about living with Kenji?**
- 5. What advice does Kenji receive?**



Living Together

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Define the following expressions:

professional advice

***old-
fashioned***

respect her wishes

break up

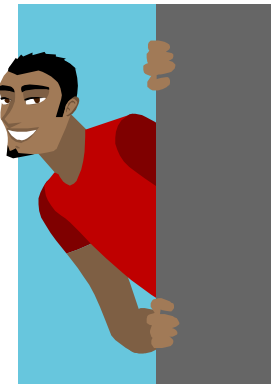
What was the problem of Kenji in the letter?



- ☐ In your country, at what age do most couples get married?
- ☐ Do you think they are responsible enough at that age?"

Note the difference in each sentence.

1. If I had a daughter, I would not let her marry at a young age.
2. If my husband is off from work, we usually go to the beach.
3. If couples lived together before getting married, they would have more time to get to know each other first.
4. If there is nothing to watch on TV, my wife and I read.
5. If Mary spoke Japanese, she would move to Japan.



Present Conditionals

- The Present Real Conditional is used to talk about what you normally do in real-life situations.

[If / When ... Simple Present ..., ... Simple Present ...]

[... Simple Present ... if / when ... Simple Present ...]

Examples:

1. If the weather **is** nice, he **walks** to work.
2. Daddy **helps** me with my homework when he **has** time

Present Unreal Conditional

- The Present Unreal Conditional is used to talk about what you would generally do in imaginary situations.

[If ... Simple Past ..., ... would + verb ...]

[... would + verb ... if ... Simple Past ...]

Examples:

1. I **would read** more if I **didn't watch** so much TV.
2. Mary **would move** to Japan if she **spoke** Japanese.

Based on these opinions, make sentences using with present conditionals.



☐ **Anna:** A woman and a man should live together before marriage. That way they can find out if they love each other.



☐ **Iris:** Living together before marriage is wrong. What happens if they have a baby?



☐ **Mark:** When they love each other, it's OK. Love is always right!



☐ **Shingo:** Marriage is old-fashioned. In a few years, no one will get married. So we don't need to be married to live together.

***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***