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Height may be the key to a happy marriage

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THE READING

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Researchers have found the key to a happy marriage. This secret ingredient could be a difference in height between the two partners.

South Korea's professor Kitae Sohn said the taller the husband is, the happier the wife is. Mr Sohn said: "A greater height difference in a couple was positively related to the wife's happiness." He added that the attraction of a tall husband does not last forever. He said it disappears after 18 years or so of marriage.

Professor Sohn did not know why women preferred taller men. He said: "Although it has been known that women prefer tall men in mating for evolutionary reasons, no study has investigated whether a taller husband makes his wife happier." He wrote: "Women simply like tall men....This is similar to people favoring fatty, salty and sugary foods without knowing exactly why." However, the BBC said shorter men can be better husbands.

Sources: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/30670636/a-tall-husband-may-be-the-key-to-a-happy-marriage>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. the key to a | a. in a couple |
| 2. This secret | b. after |
| 3. a difference | c. happiness |
| 4. A greater height difference | d. so of marriage |
| 5. positively related to the wife's | e. happy marriage |
| 6. the attraction of a tall husband does | f. in height |
| 7. He said it disappears | g. not last forever |
| 8. 18 years or | h. ingredient |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Professor Sohn did not know | a. like tall men |
| 2. women preferred | b. investigated |
| 3. mating for evolutionary | c. better husbands |
| 4. no study has | d. foods |
| 5. a taller husband makes | e. taller men |
| 6. Women simply | f. why |
| 7. sugary | g. his wife happier |
| 8. shorter men can be | h. reasons |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Researchers have found (1) _____ happy marriage. This secret ingredient could be a difference (2) _____ the two partners. South Korea's professor Kitae Sohn (3) _____ husband is, the (4) _____ is. Mr Sohn said: "A greater height difference in a couple was positively (5) _____ wife's happiness." He added that the attraction of a tall husband does not last forever. He said it disappears after (6) _____ of marriage.

Professor Sohn did (7) _____ women preferred taller men. He said: "Although (8) _____ known that women prefer tall men in mating for evolutionary reasons, no study has (9) _____ a taller husband makes his wife happier." He wrote: "Women (10) _____ men....This is similar to people favoring fatty, salty (11) _____ without knowing exactly why." However, the BBC said shorter men (12) _____ husbands.

MARRIAGE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151207-tall-men-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about marriage in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

