

CHAPTER 8 – MARRIED WITH TWO HOMES



BEFORE YOU READ. Look at the picture and read the title of the story.

1. Write three questions about the people in the picture. After you read the story, answer the questions.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<i>Example: Are the people happy?</i>	<i>Yes, they are.</i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

2. Write your answers on the line.

Do you live with your family? _____

MARRIED WITH TWO HOMES

Joseph and Liz Stevens are happily married. They have two children. But they do not all live together. In fact, they live in different states in the United States. Joseph lives in Illinois, and Liz lives with the children, Ben and Judy, in Indiana. Their homes are 336 miles (about 540 km) apart. Joseph and Liz do not see each other every week, but they talk on the phone every day.

Joseph and Liz got married 20 years ago. For most of their marriage, they lived together in Indiana. Liz worked for a university near their home, and Joseph worked for an airline company. But Joseph's company moved to Illinois about four years ago, and Joseph went with it. Liz didn't want to leave her job and move to Illinois. The children, Ben and Judy, didn't want to leave their schools. So now the family lives apart. They see each other about five days every month. Joseph can fly free to visit his wife and children because he works for an airline. But the telephone calls are expensive! Sometimes their telephone bill is U.S. \$500 for one month.

Many married couples in the United States, like the Stevens, do not live together. In fact, about one million couples live apart. Work is usually the reason. But it is not easy to have two homes. First of all, it is very expensive. Second of all, it is sometimes lonely. Joseph says, "I often miss my wife and children, but Ben and Judy are happy. They know we love them, so it doesn't matter where we live." Joseph and Liz want to live together again when the children finish school. But one of them will need to get a new job.

READ ON TWO

1. **MAIN IDEA.** What is the most important idea of the story? (Circle the letter)

1. It is very expensive to make a telephone call to Indiana.
2. Liz and Joseph are married, but they live in different states.
3. The Stevens family wants to live together again soon.

2. **JUST THE FACTS:** Circle the correct word on the line.

1. Liz and Joseph Stevens live _____ apart _____.
together apart in Indiana
2. The couple lived together _____ their marriage.
before until in the beginning of
3. The two children live with their _____.
mother father classmates
4. Their telephone bill is _____.
free cheap expensive
5. Joseph does not pay to fly because he works _____.
for free five days a month for an airline
6. Ben and Judy go to school in _____.
Indiana Illinois Florida
7. Liz and Joseph will live together again when the children _____.
finish school grow up get jobs

3. **LEARN NEW WORDS.** Circle the word that has the same meaning as the underlined word)

1. a) For most of their marriage, Joseph and Liz lived together in Indiana.
more than half of about half of
2. Ben and Judy are happy and they know their parents love them. So it doesn't matter where they live
Isn't important isn't far from
3. Joseph and Liz want to live together when the children finish school.
start complete
4. About one million couples live apart. Work is usually the reason
Cause job

4. **COMPLETE THE PARAGRAPH.** Use the words below to complete the paragraph.

airline ~~apart~~ bill expensive free

The Stevens family lives (1) apart. Joseph can fly (2) _____ to visit his wife and children because he works for an (3) _____. But the telephone calls are (4) _____! Their telephone (5) _____ is sometimes U.S. \$500 for one month.

5. **THINK IT OVER.** Many married couples in the United States do not live together. Work is usually the reason. What are some other reasons? Write three more reasons in the chart and share them with a partner.

REASONS	
work	

READ ON TWO

6. **TALK IT OVER.** Write your answers on the lines. Then share them with the group

1. Does Joseph Stevens think it is easy to have two homes? _____

2. Why or why not? _____

7. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Pretend you are Liz or Joseph. Complete the sentence below.

I am (Liz/ Joseph). I (like / don't like) to live apart from my (husband / wife) because _____

CHAPTERS 7 AND 8 ACTIVITY

1. **TIE IT TOGETHER.** Look at the words below. Which words go with Chapter 7? Chapter 8? With a partner, write them on the diagram below. Then add more words from the chapters.

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|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| airline | husband | married | together |
| apart | Illinois | race | university |
| club | Indiana | runners | unusual |
| finish line | marathon | school | wife |

MORE WORDS:

A Race to Get Married	Both	Married with Two Homes
<i>marathon</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>airline</i>

2. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Think about the two stories in the chapters. Then complete the following sentences.

1. Liz and Joseph’s marriage is unusual because _____

2. Wanda and Clarence’s wedding was unusual because _____

3. **JUST FOR FUN.** Use the clues in the box to complete the puzzle.

The crossword puzzle grid is as follows:

- Across: UNIVERSITY (clue 3)
- Down 1: 1 square above 'U', 1 square above 'N', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 2: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 4: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 5: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 6: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 7: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 8: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.
- Down 10: 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'V', 1 square above 'E', 1 square above 'R', 1 square above 'S', 1 square above 'I', 1 square above 'T', 1 square above 'Y'.

CLUES

Across

- 3. college
- 4. Take a plane
- 6. Not together
- 7. run behind someone
- 10. People who run

Down

- 1. A long race
- 2. Not the same
- 5. Not cheap
- 8. Do a job

4. **TALK IT OVER.** Wanda and Clarence enjoy running. What activities do you enjoy? Make a list and talk about it with a group.

ACTIVITIES	
<i>Listening to music</i>	