

# **Questions for Your Partner**

Ask the following questions and record his/her answers:

1. What is it like living with me?

2. What is the deepest hurt or frustration you experience living with me?

3. How do you try to protect yourself from me?

4. What do you need from me that I fail to give you?

5. What do you truly desire in our relationship?

Check out this <u>article</u> for further help: "How to Improve All of Your Relationships With Just 3 Questions" or find on our website hardinlife.com

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## Self-Partner Knowledge Inventory

The journey to a conscious relationship requires three kinds of information: knowledge about yourself, knowledge about your partner and knowledge about the process of becoming conscious. Through this workshop, in a variety of different ways, you will have had the opportunity to acquire all the information you need in all three areas. Now you can continue learning at home.

The self-partner knowledge inventory will increase your information about yourself and your partner. It consists of fifty incomplete sentences and instructions to use your completions of each sentence to write an essay on yourself and your partner.

### Write

Do this writing assignment now. Do not share what you are writing with your partner and do not ask to see your partner's pages until instructed to do so. Do not consul with or help each other with any of the sentences.

### **Talk With Each Other**

#### Take Turns!

Read your essay to your partner, and ask your partner to share his/her essay with you. You may also share the specific contents of any of the sentence completions.

The best way to make this an informative and constructive experience is as follows:

- One person reads his/her essay.
- The other listens and paraphrases back what the other is saying.
- Do not ask questions, except for the purpose of clarification.
- Do not comment on or criticize each other.



## Self / Partner Knowledge Inventory How well do you know your partner?

**A**. Work alone and complete the sentences below to explore your current knowledge of yourself and your partner. Begin with your knowledge of surface and external details.

My eyes are	Your eyes are	
Height	Height	
Weight	Weight	
Shoe size	Shoe size	
Ring size	Ring size	
My favorites are: Food		,
	, place	
	, smell	
	, book	
Your favorites are: Food		
	, place	
	, smell	
	,	
	, book	
<b>B.</b> Complete each sentence quic	kly with your first thoughts:	
1. My goal in life is		
You think my goal in life is		
2. The thing that gives me the mos	st satisfaction is	
You think I get most satisfaction fr	om	·
The thing that gives you the most	satisfaction is	·



3. My childhood was
You think my childhood was
Your childhood was
4. I think sex is
You think I think sex is
You think sex is
5. When we make love, I prefer
When we make love, you think I prefer
When we make love, you prefer
6. My deepest fear is
You think my deepest fear is
Your deepest fear is
7. My deepest need is
You think my deepest need is
Your deepest need is
8. My most frequent feeling is
You think my most frequent feeling is
Your most frequent feeling is
9. The thing I hate the most is
You think the thing I hate the most is
The thing you hate the most is



10. I worry most about
You think I worry most about
You worry most about
11. My goals for our marriage / relationship include
You think my goals for our marriage / relationship include
 Your goals for our marriage / relationship include
12. My reasons for marrying being in a relationship with you include
You think my reasons for marrying being in a relationship with you include
Your reasons for marrying being in a relationship with you include
13. I think our marriage / relationship is
You think I see our marriage / relationship is
 You think our marriage / relationship is
14. I fantasize about
You think I fantasize about
You fantasize about
15. I feel anger when
You think I feel anger when
You feel anger when



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16. Three things I want you to change are:

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Three things you think I want you to change are:
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Three things I think you want to change are:
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17. I feel anger when
You think I feel anger when
You feel anger when
18. I think I am
You think I think I am
You think I am
19. My highest value is
You think my highest value is
Your highest value is
20. My most frequent pleasure is
You think my most frequent pleasure is
Your most frequent pleasure is



1. I am happiest when
You think I am happiest when
Your happiest when
2. To me, work is
You think work, to me, is
Fo you, work is
3. In general, I view life as
ou think I view life as
n general, you view life as
4. To me, death
You think, to me, death
o you, death
5. In general, I think my strengths are
n general, you think my strengths are
n general, I think your strengths are
26. My weaknesses are
 My weaknesses, according to you, are
I see your weaknesses as
27. My view of money is
You think my view of money is
Your view of money is



8. To me, children are	
ou think children, to me, are	
Го you, children are	
9. Your parents	
ou think I think your parents	<sup>•</sup>
You think your parents	<u> </u>
0. I think you	
ou think I think you	
You think you	
1. My favorite vacation	
You think my favorite vacation	
Your favorite vacation	
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2. I have most fun	
ou think I have most fun	
You have most fun	
3. To me, fun	
You think, to me, fun	
To you, fun	
4. My favorite sport is	
You think my favorite sport is	
our favorite sport is	
5. What disgusts me	
You think what disgusts me	
What disgusts you	



36. I think retirement
You think I think retirement
You think retirement
37. I think holding
You think I think holding
You think holding
38. I think touching
You think I think touching
You think touching
39. For me, religion
You think, for me, religion
For you, religion
40. For me, childrearing
You think, for me, childrearing
For you, childrearing
41. I think God
You think I think God
You think God
42. When I get sick, I want
When I get sick, you think I want
When I get sick, you want
43. I think discipline
You think I think discipline
You think discipline
44. When I die, I
You think I think when I die, I
When I die, you

45. What hurts me most
You think what hurts me most
What hurts you most
46. My parents
You think I think my parents
You think my parents
47. I like sex when
You think I like sex when
You like sex when
48. Politics are
You think I think politics are
You think politics are
49. Orgasms are
You think I think orgasms are
You think orgasms are
50. The worst think in life
You think I think the worst thing in life
For you, the worst thing in life
51. The best think in life
You think I think the best thing in life
For you, the best thing in life



**C.** Wait for your partner to complete this exercise. When you have both finished, share the information contained in sentences 1-50 with your partner.

**D.** You may find it interesting to take this information and write an essay. The essay would have five parts:

- 1) My experience, thoughts, perceptions
- 2) My view of your view of me
- 3) My view of you
- 4) Your view of me
- 5) Your perception of my view of you

**E.** After you complete your essay share it with your partner and ask your partner to share his / hers with you.