

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

Questions about love and marriage were posed to children ages 5 to 10. Their answers below are enlightening:

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." (Mike, 10)

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"Never kiss in front of other people. It's a really embarrassing thing if anybody sees you. But if nobody sees you, I might be willing to try it with a handsome boy, but just for a few hours." (Kelly, 9)

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

"It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them" (Lily, 9)

"It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." (Keiran, 7)

ON WHAT FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE

"Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." (Rory, 9)

"If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." (Leo, 7)

ON THE ROLE OF GOOD LOOKS IN LOVE

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet." (Gavin, 7)

CONCERNING WHY LOVERS OFTEN HOLD HANDS

"They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them." (David, 8)

OPINIONS ABOUT LOVE

"I'm in favour of love as long as it doesn't happen when 'The Simpsons' is on television." (Abigail, 6)

"Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I have been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me." (Matthew, 8) (Abigail, 6)



SOME SUREFIRE WAYS TO MAKE A PERSON FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU

"Tell them that you own a whole load of sweet shops." (Darren, 6)

"Don't do things like have smelly, green trainers. You might get attention, but attention isn't the same thing as love." (Ashley, 9)

HOW CAN YOU TELL IF TWO ADULTS EATING DINNER AT A RESTAURANT ARE IN LOVE?

"Just see if the man picks up the bill. That's how you can tell if he's in love." (John, 9)

"It's love if they order one of those desserts that are on fire. They like to order those because it's just like how their hearts are...on fire." (Christine, 9)

WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE THINKING WHEN THEY SAY "I LOVE YOU"

"The person is thinking: Yeah, I really do love him. But I hope he showers at least once a day." (Michelle, 9)

HOW A PERSON LEARNS TO KISS

"You learn it right on the spot when the mushy feelings get the better of you." (Dylan, 7)

"It might help to watch soap operas all day." (Kerry, 9)

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"It's never okay to kiss a boy. They always slobber all over you...That's why I stopped doing it." (Jane, 10)

I LOVE YOU!

