

## Podcast Episode 8 (Divorce)



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What do you think of **divorce** and its **increasing rate** in your country?

Unfortunately, the **divorce rate** is **on the rise** in my country and it **varies** in different cities. The more populated a city is, the more divorce you witness. In small cities, divorce might be a **stigma**. In the old and traditional culture of Iran, if you weren't satisfied with your marriage, you'd have to suffer and tolerate it because divorce is **taboo**, something **forbidden**, a **sin**. However, nowadays marriages **break down** pretty soon. They are very **fragile**. You know, young people believe that there comes a time when living together is impossible. You **get to** realize that there's no respect, **mutual understanding**, **loyalty**, **affection** and care **whatsoever**. Then, **enough is enough**. No more **torture**. You **seek relief**!

**Divorce:** (n, v) the legal ending of a marriage, to legally end a marriage

Example: Their marriage had never been happy and in the end, they decided **to divorce / get a divorce / get divorced**.

**Rate:** (n) the number of times something happens

Example: Australia's **unemployment / birth / crime rate** rose in February.

**On the rise:** increasing

**Vary:** (v) to be different; if several things of the same type vary, they are all different from each other  
Synonym: differ

Example: These flowers **vary in** color and size.

**Witness:** (v) to see something happen

Example: Several residents **claim to have witnessed** the attack.

**Stigma:** (n) a strong feeling in society about something to be ashamed of

Example: There is social stigma attached to **single parenthood**.

**Suffer:** (n) to experience a difficult and unpleasant situation

Example: During the **recession**, small businesses have **suffered financially**.

**Tolerate:** (v) to accept something unpleasant Synonym: **bear**

Example: I don't have to tolerate his bad behavior.

**Taboo:** (adj) not socially accepted

Example: It is taboo that a woman dates a man a lot younger than her.

**Forbidden:** (adj) not allowed Synonym: prohibited, banned

Example: Alcohol is **strictly forbidden** in this country.

**Sin:** (n) an action that is against religious rules and is considered to be an offence against God

Example: He knew that he had **committed a terrible sin**.

**Break down:** (v) to fail or stop working in a successful way

Example: He left London when his marriage broke down.

Example: Negotiations broke down after only two days.

**Fragile:** easily broken or damaged **synonym:** delicate

Example: a fragile vase; **fragile economy**

**Get to:** (v) to begin thinking something; to have the opportunity to do something

**Mutual:** (adj) mutual feelings such as **respect, trust or understanding** are feelings that two or more people have for each other

Example: **Mutual respect** is necessary for any partnership to work.

**Loyalty:** (n) the quality of remaining faithful **Synonym:** faithfulness, fidelity

**Affection:** (n) a feeling of liking or love and caring **Synonym:** fondness

Example: He **had a deep affection for** the old man.

**Whatsoever:** (adv) used to emphasize a negative statement

Example: He has had no luck whatsoever.

**Enough is enough:** (idiom) used to say that something that is happening should stop

**Torture:** (n) the act of deliberately hurting someone; severe physical or mental suffering

Example: Waiting for his response is torture for me.

**Seek:** (v) to try to achieve or get something

**Relief:** (n) a feeling of comfort when something worrying or painful has ended

Example: **It was a relief** when the doctor said that it was just the flu.