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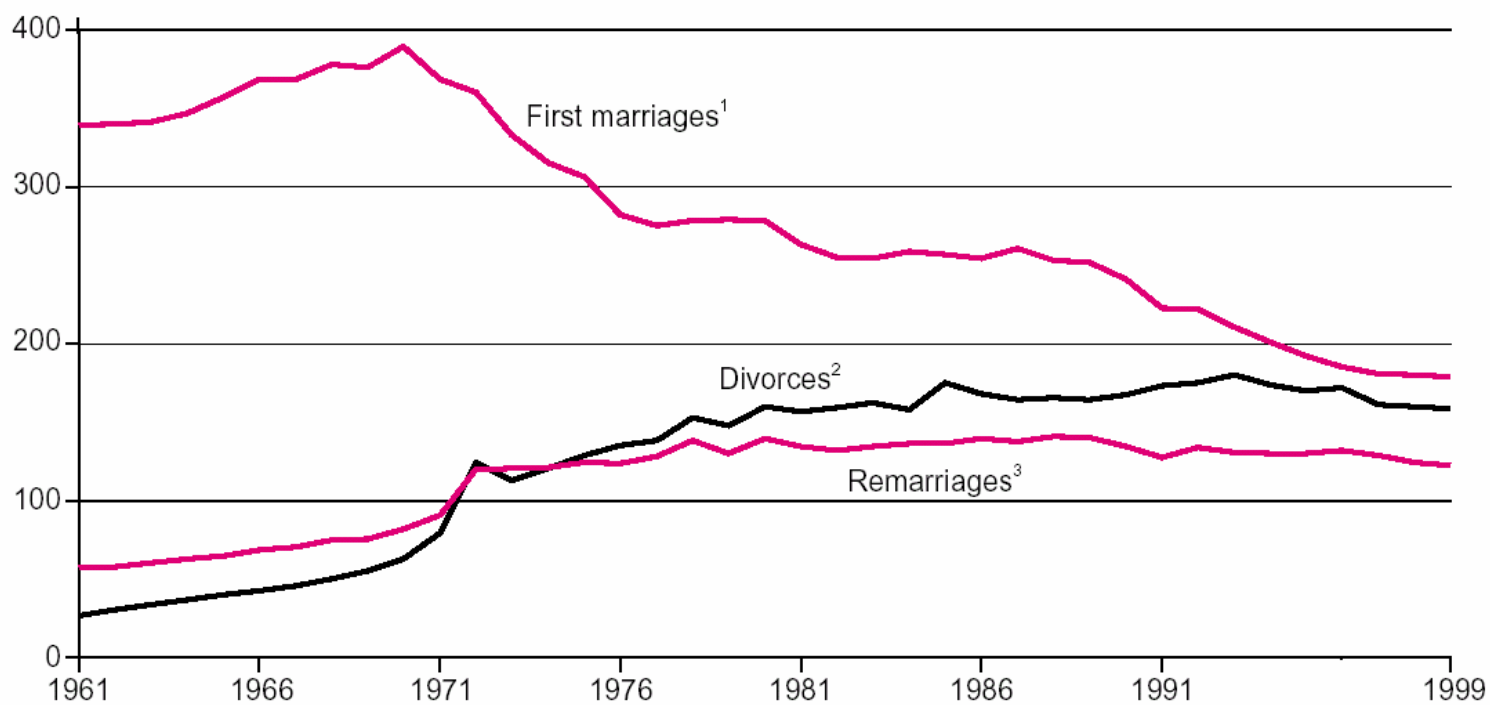
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# Marriages and divorces

## United Kingdom

Thousands



1 For both partners.

2 Includes annulments.

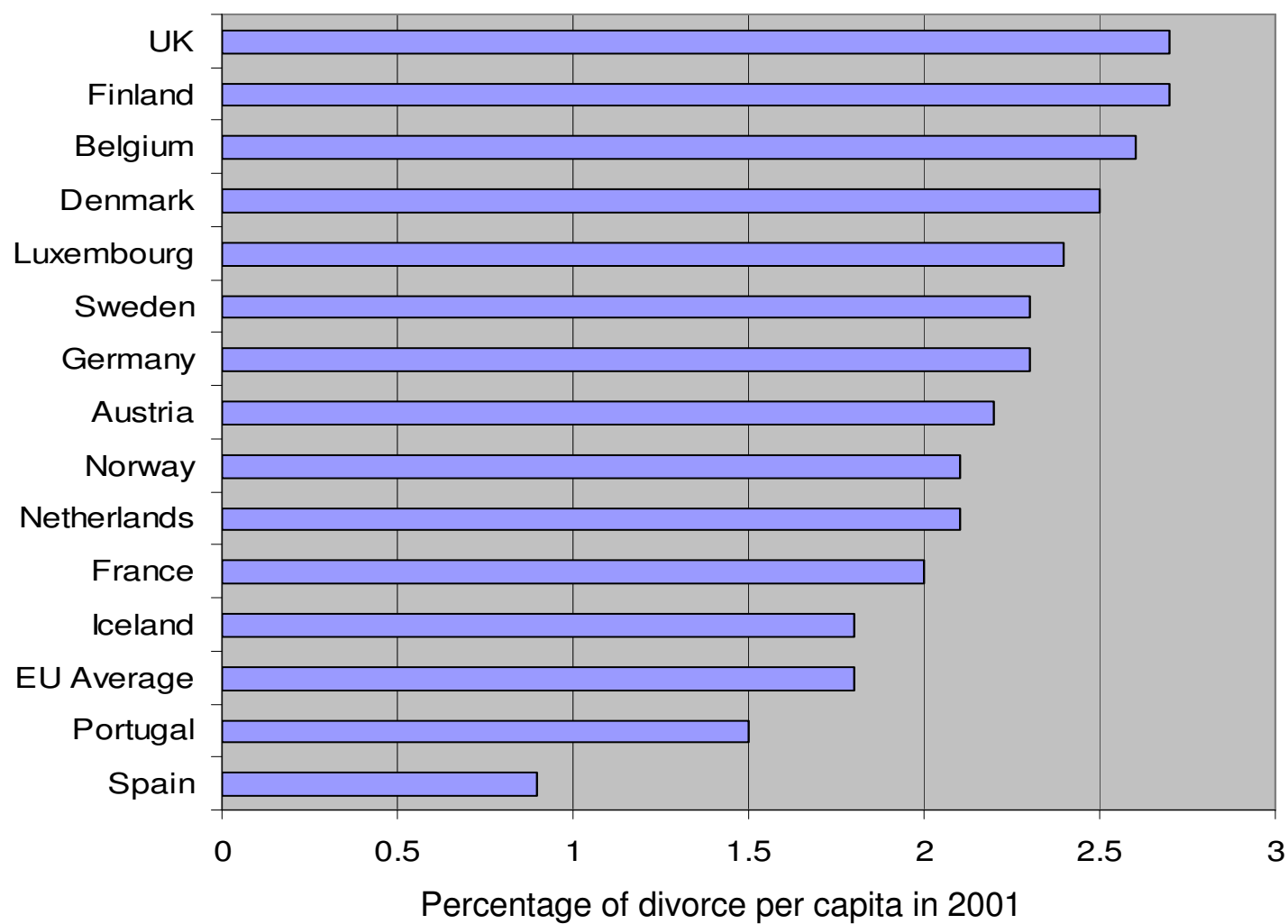
3 For one or both partners.

Source: Office for National Statistics; General Register Office for Scotland; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency



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# The divorce capital of Europe



Source: *Eurostat Yearbook 2001*, Eurostat, 2001. Figures for Ireland not available.

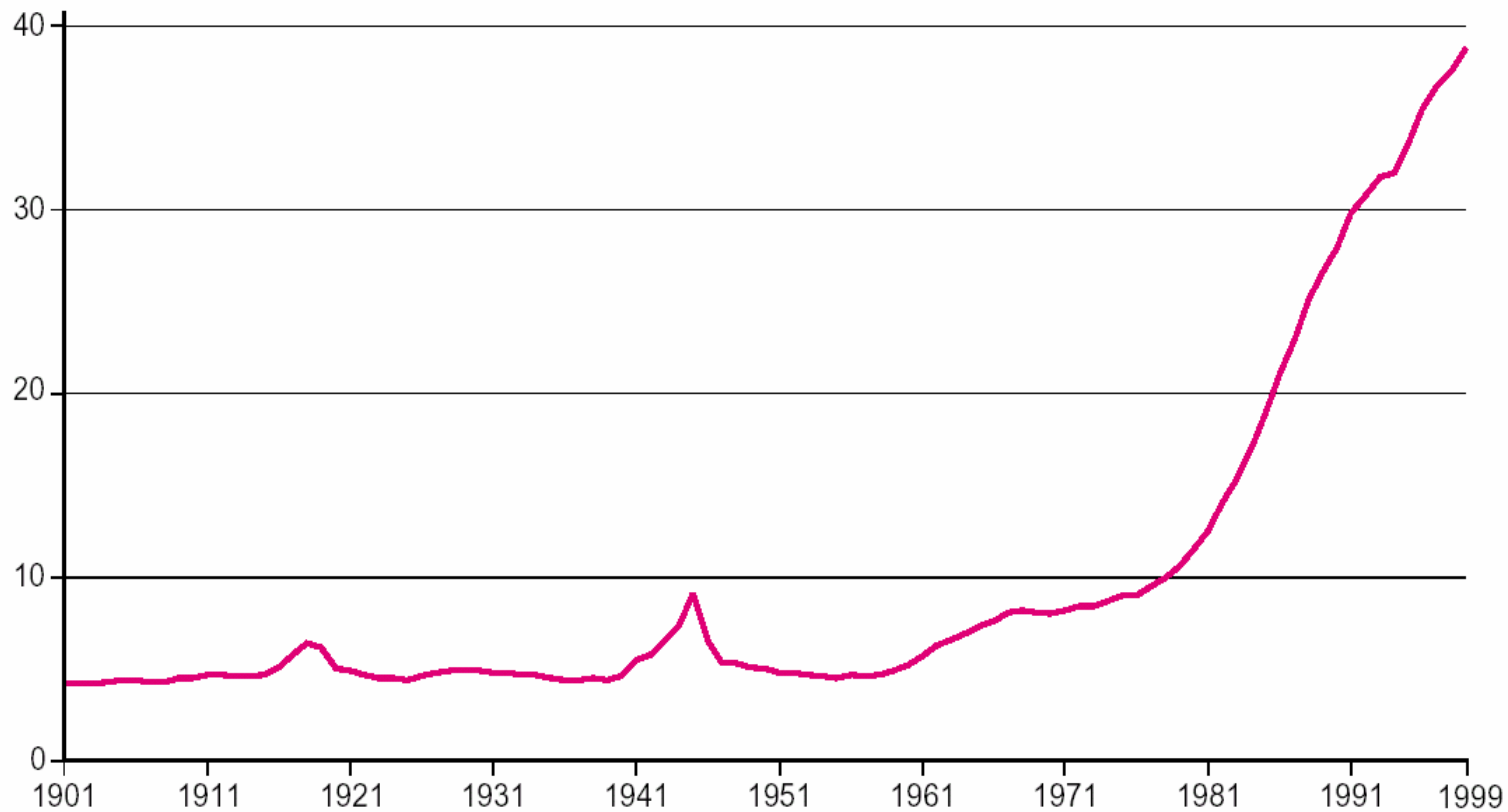


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# Births outside marriage as a percentage of all live births

## United Kingdom

Percentages

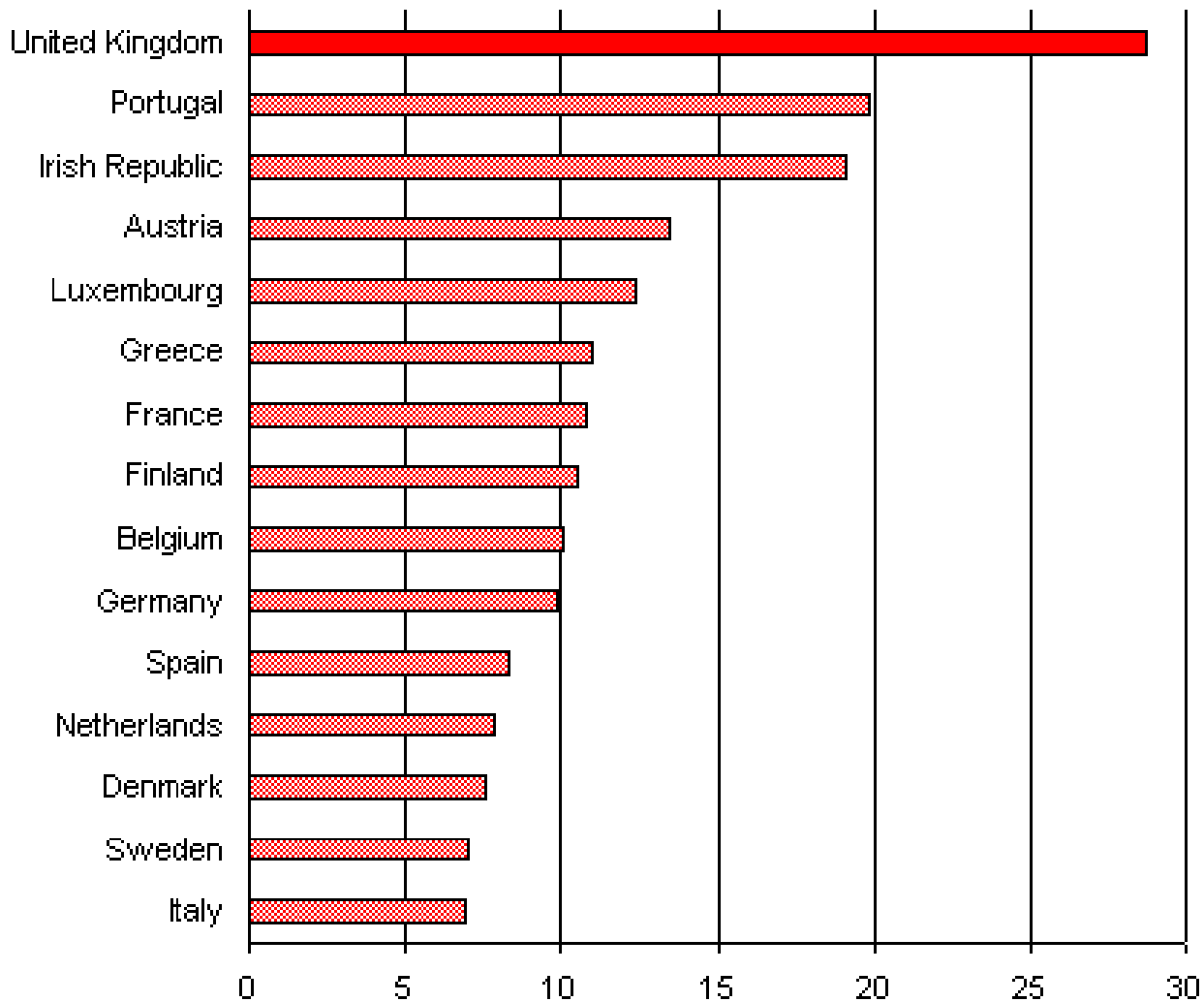


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# Live births to teenage women<sup>1</sup>: EU comparison, 2001<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Aged 15-19. See Appendix, Part 2: Average teenage fertility rate.

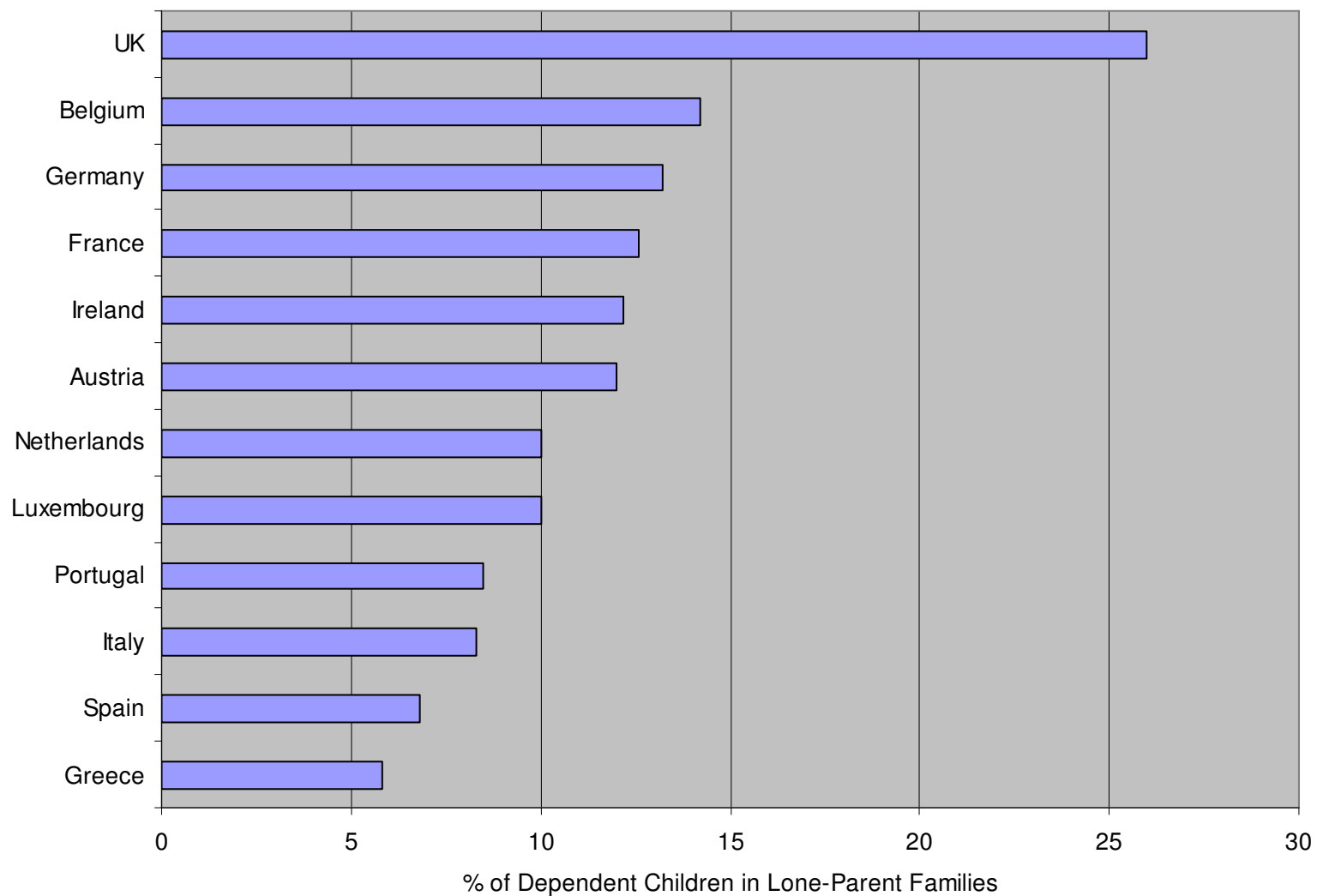
<sup>2</sup> 2000 data for France, United Kingdom and Germany. 1999 data for Spain, Greece and Italy. 1996 data for Belgium.

Source: Council of Europe



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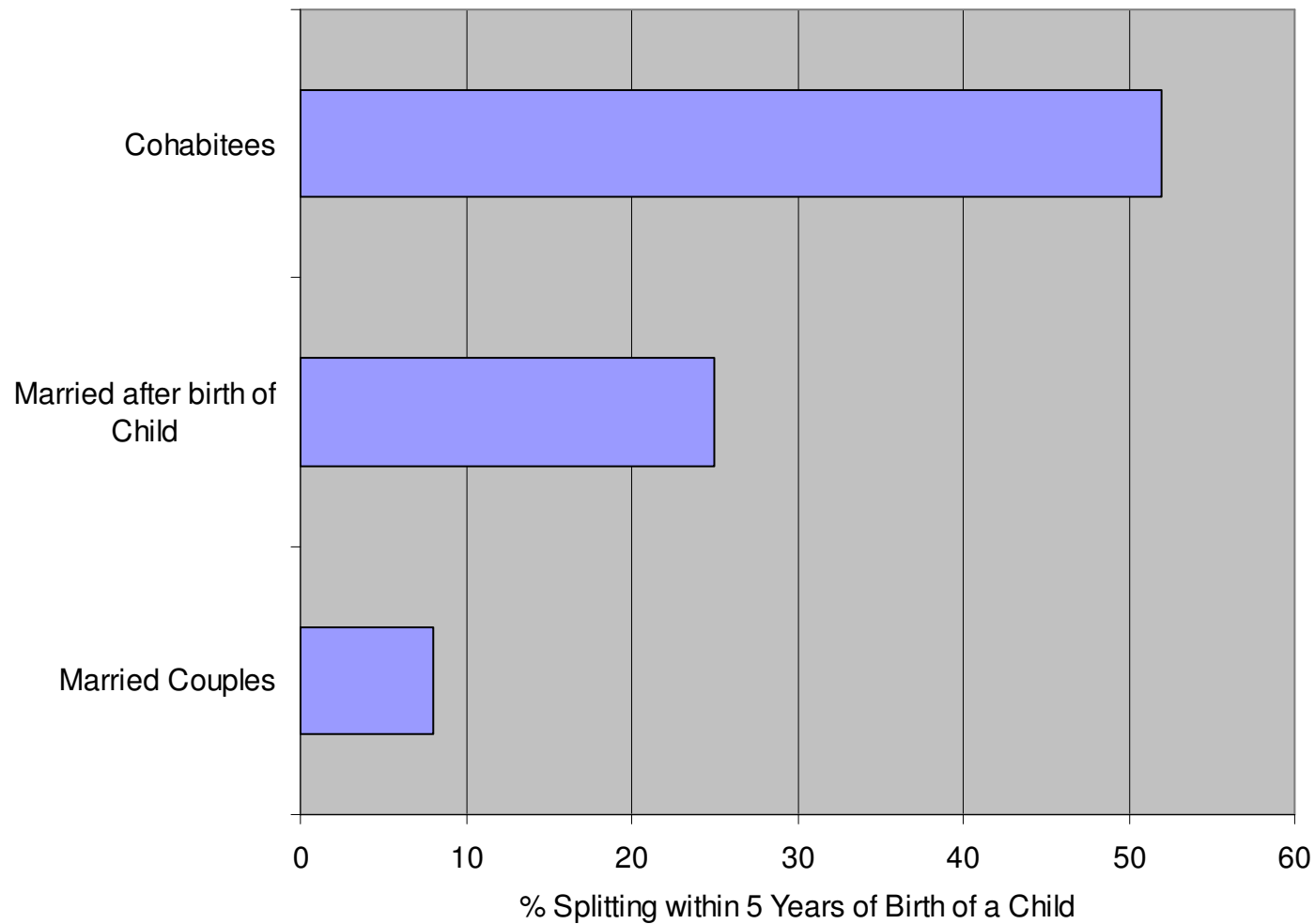
# Top of table for lone parenting



Source: *The Social Situation in the European Union 2000*, Eurostat, 2001. Data for Denmark, Finland and Sweden not available.



# Failure to stay together after birth of children



Source: *Seven Years in the Lives of British Families*, Ermisch, J. & Francesconi, M., Policy Press, 2000



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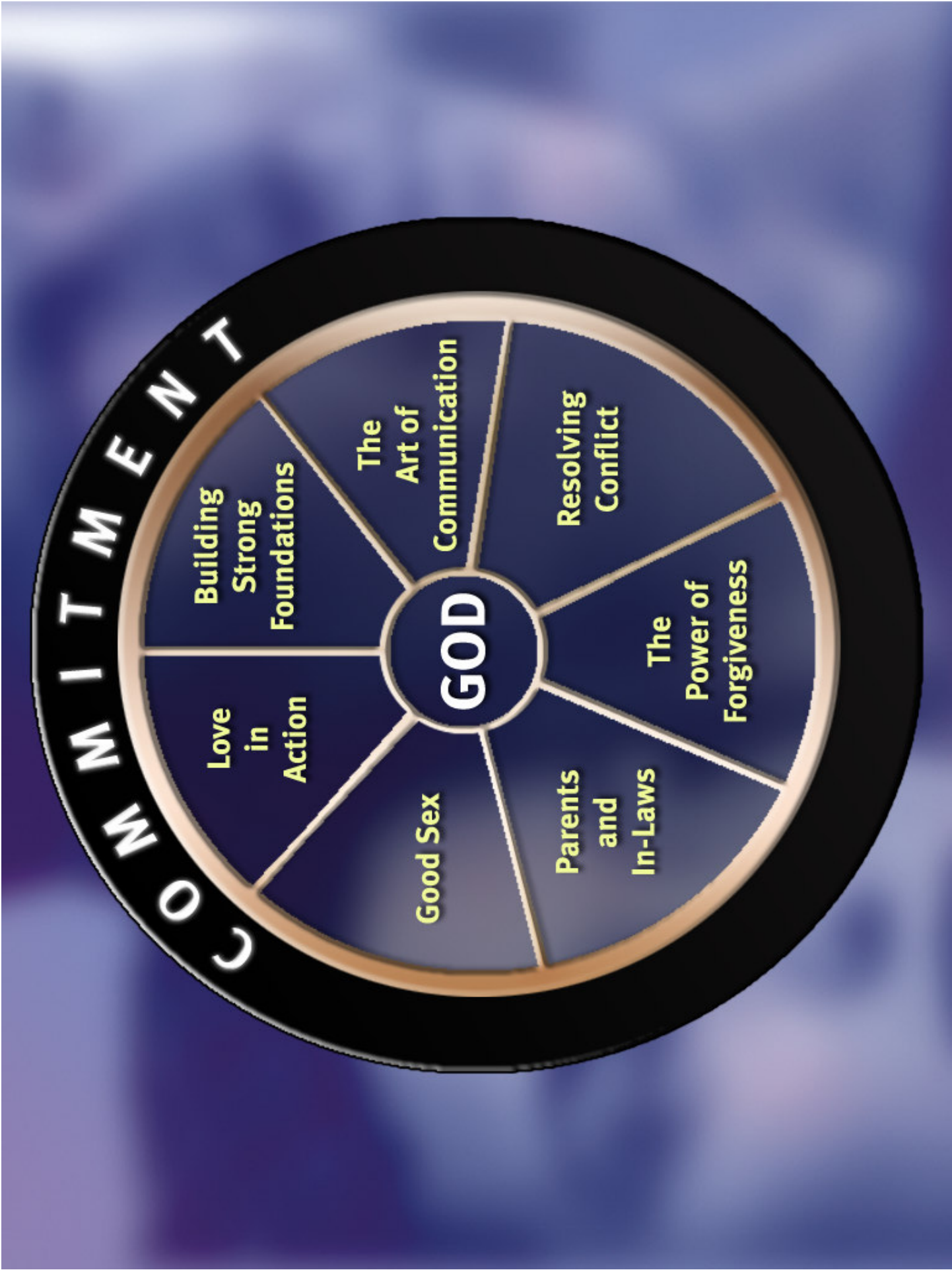
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# Four features of courses:

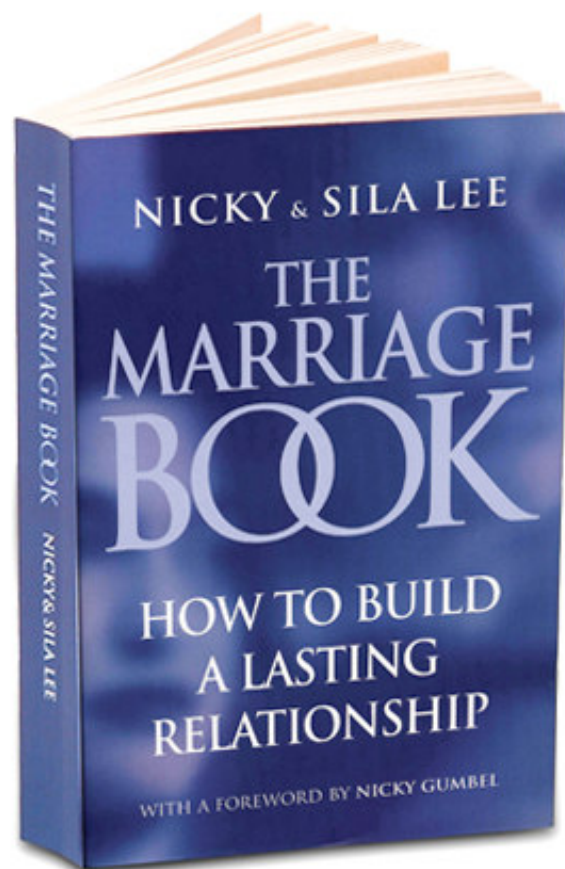
1. Special atmosphere
2. Privacy for discussions
3. Any couple
4. Rolling programme



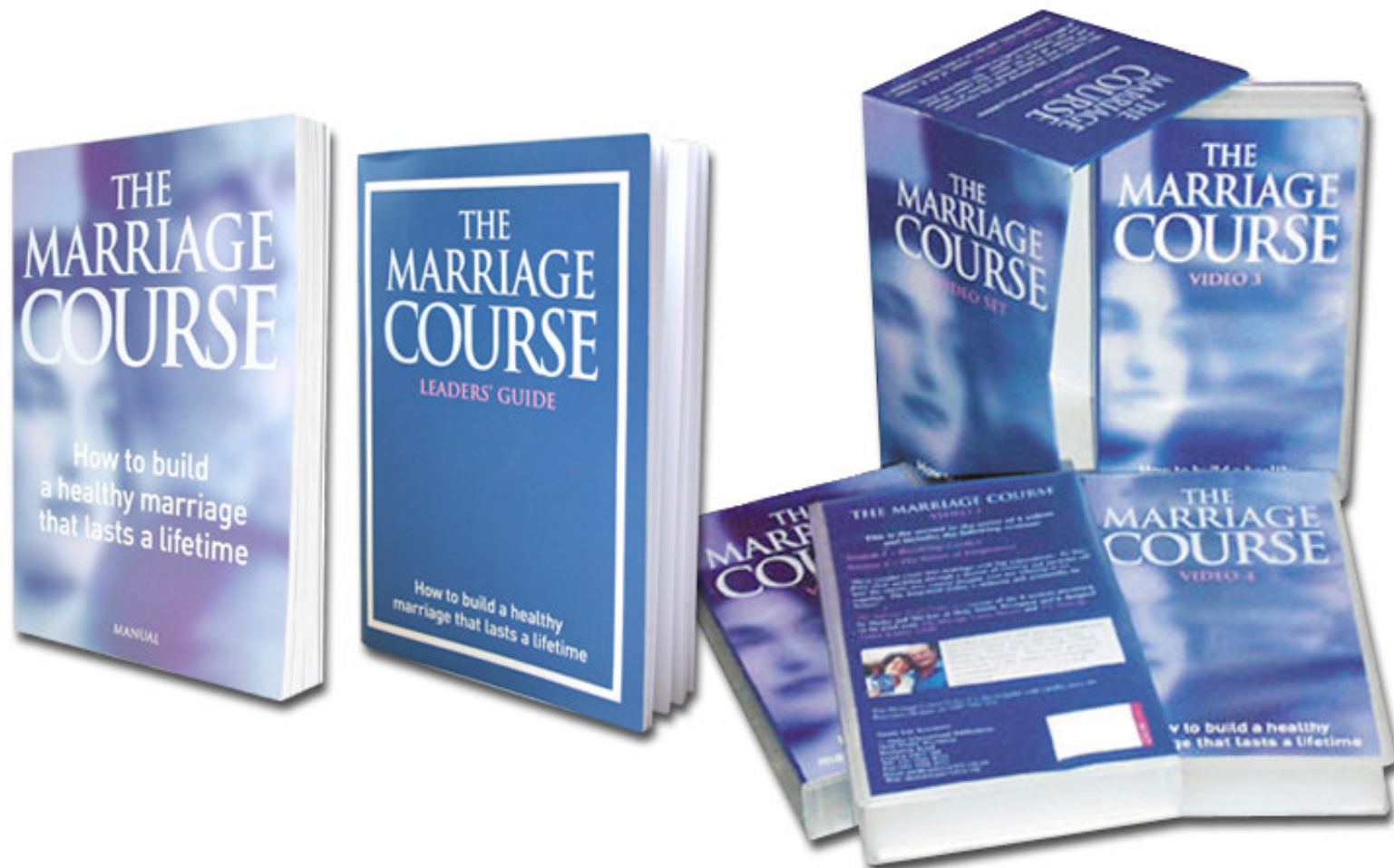
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- Five sessions
  1. Communication
  2. Commitment
  3. Resolving conflict
  4. Keeping love alive
  5. Shared goals and values
- Option to use FOCCUS questionnaire
- Support couples

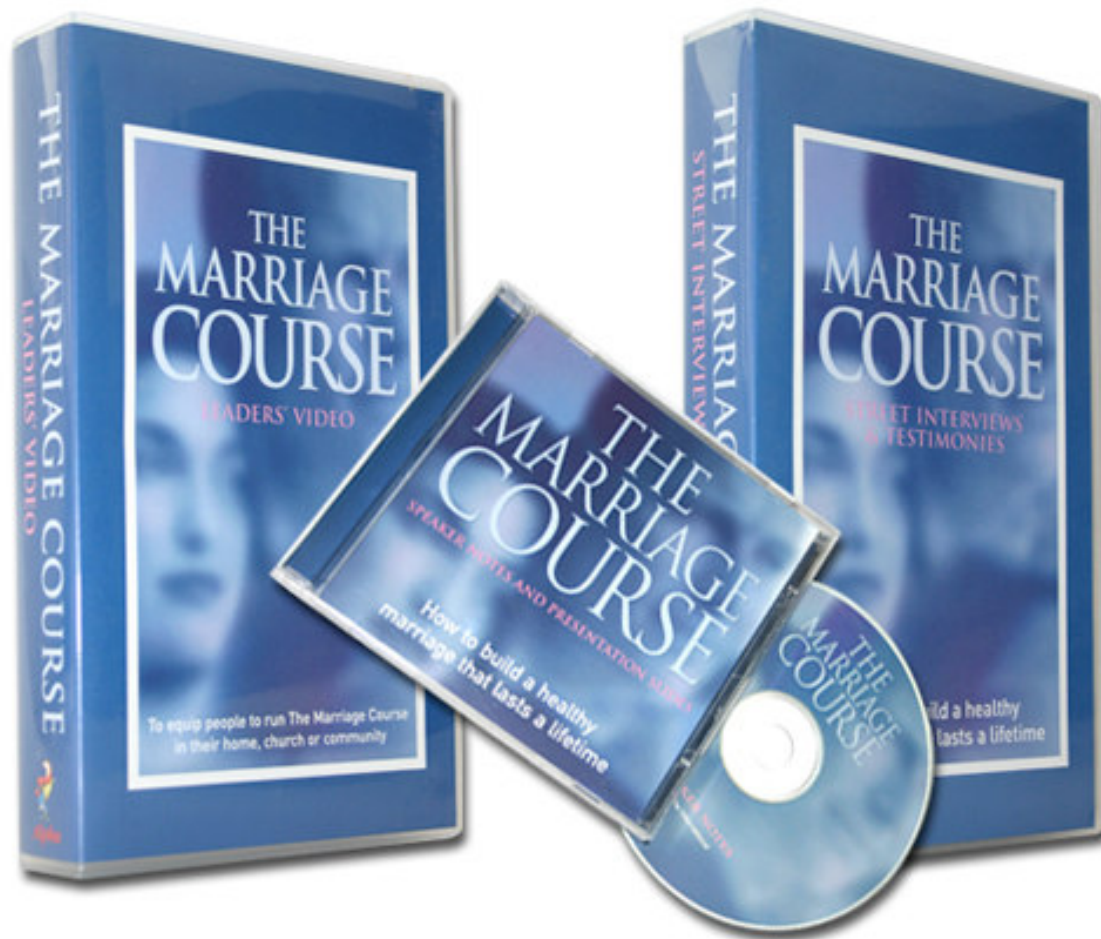
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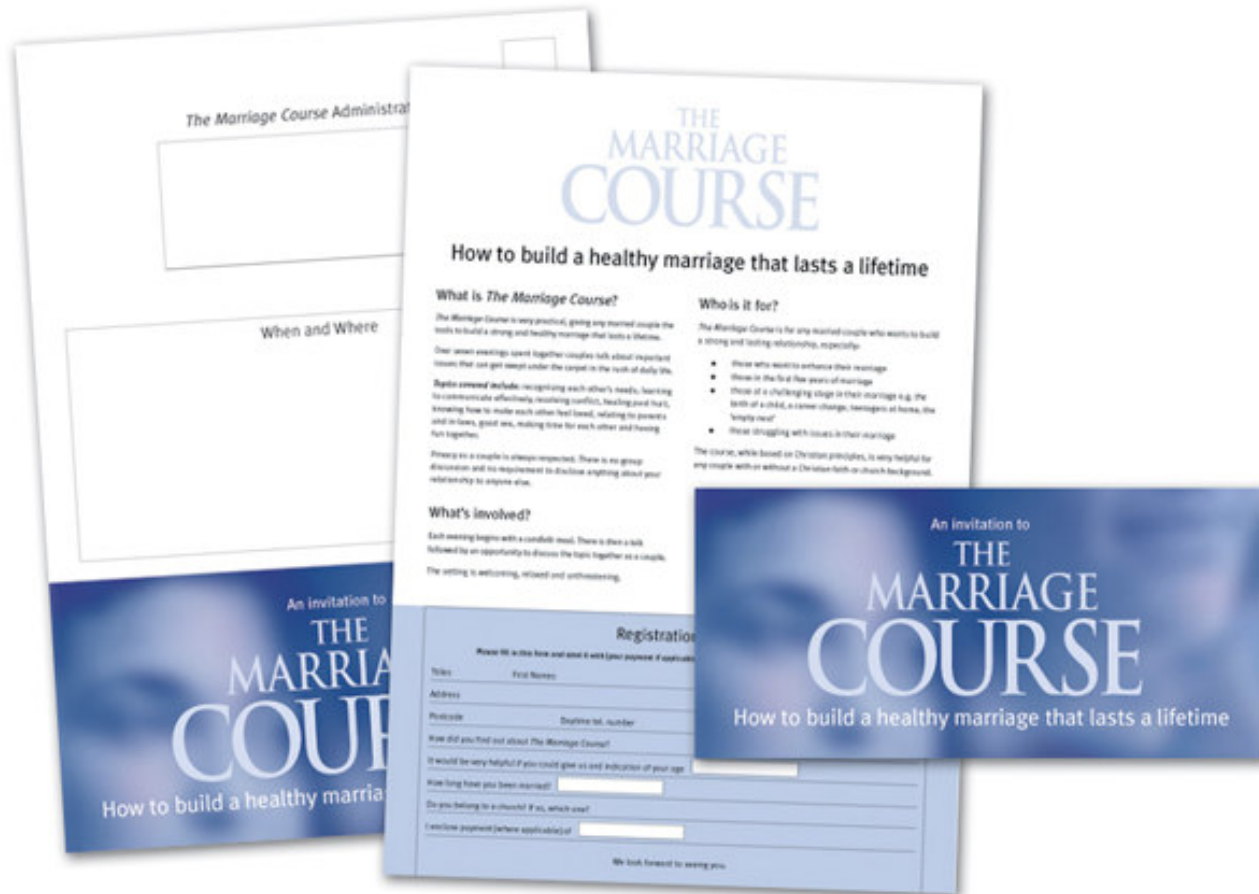
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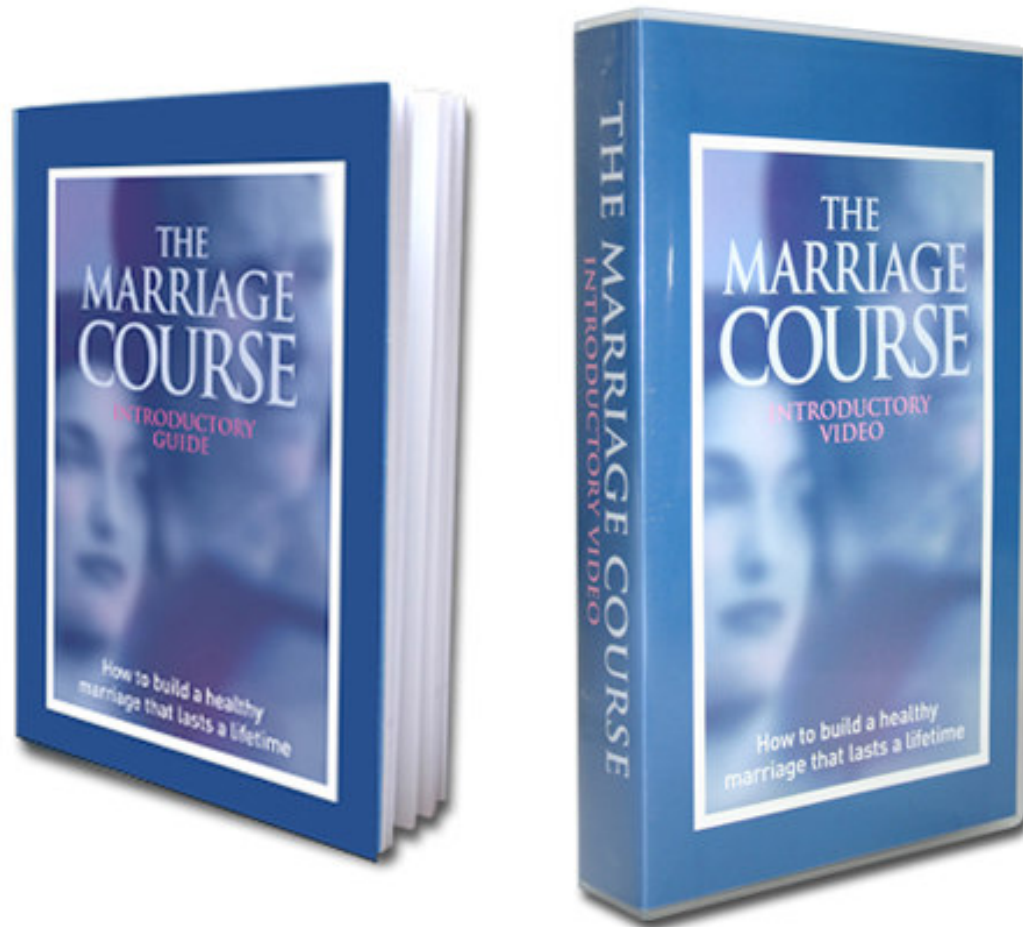
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# The Marriage Course Invitation



# The Marriage Course Introductory Guide and Video







## Welcome

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These two courses are designed to help couples build foundations and strengthen their relationship

Welcome to the official worldwide website for The Marriage Course and The Marriage Preparation Course. We have information for those who might want to go on a course and those thinking about running a course.

It's a great opportunity to spend time together as a couple looking at the important issues.

Full of helpful advice, these courses are very practical. They provide the tools to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

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how to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime

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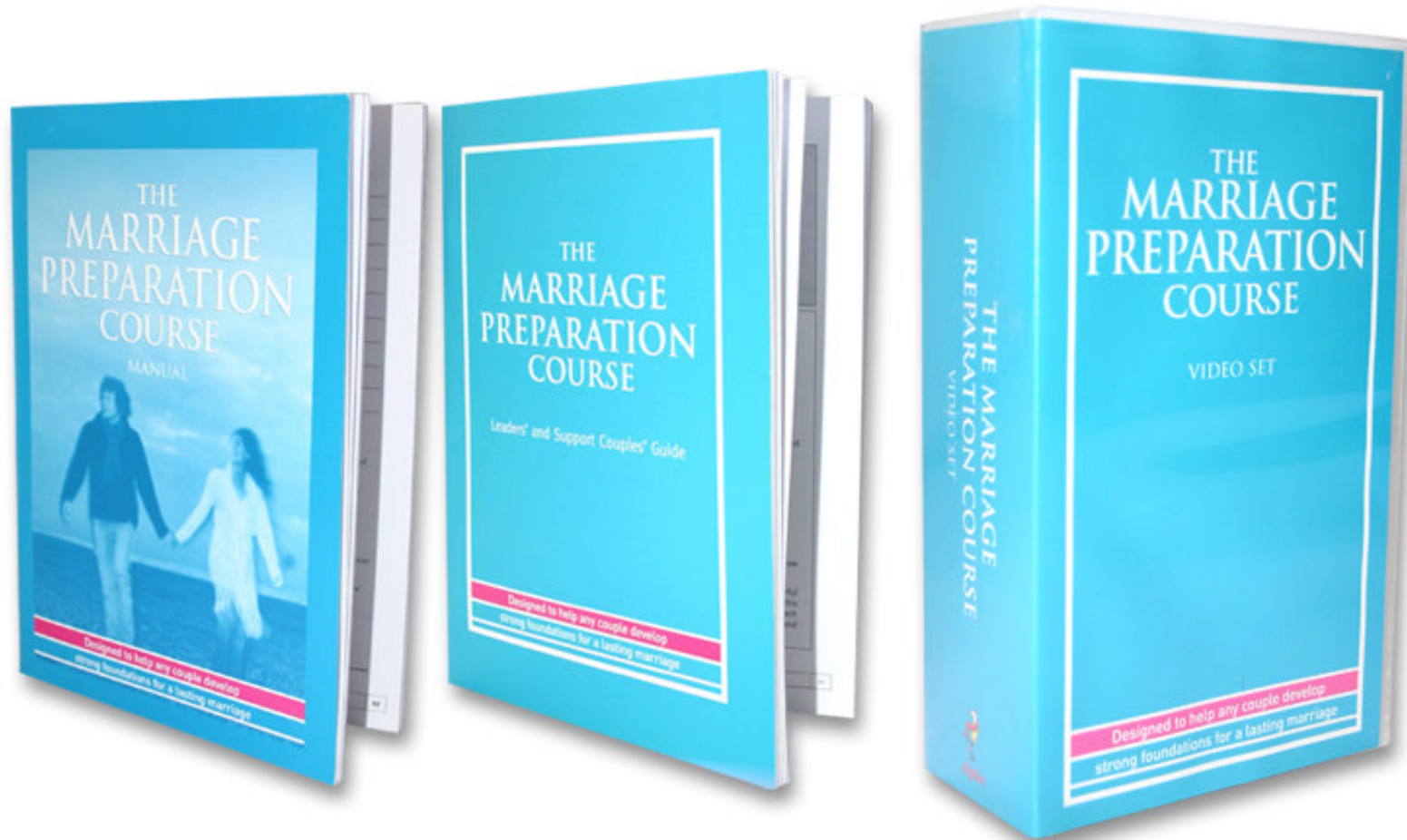


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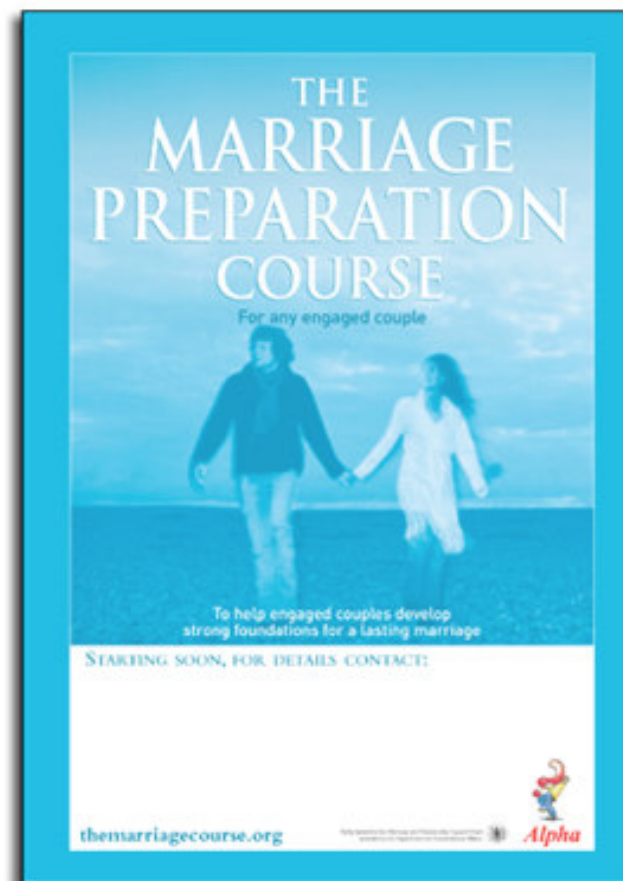
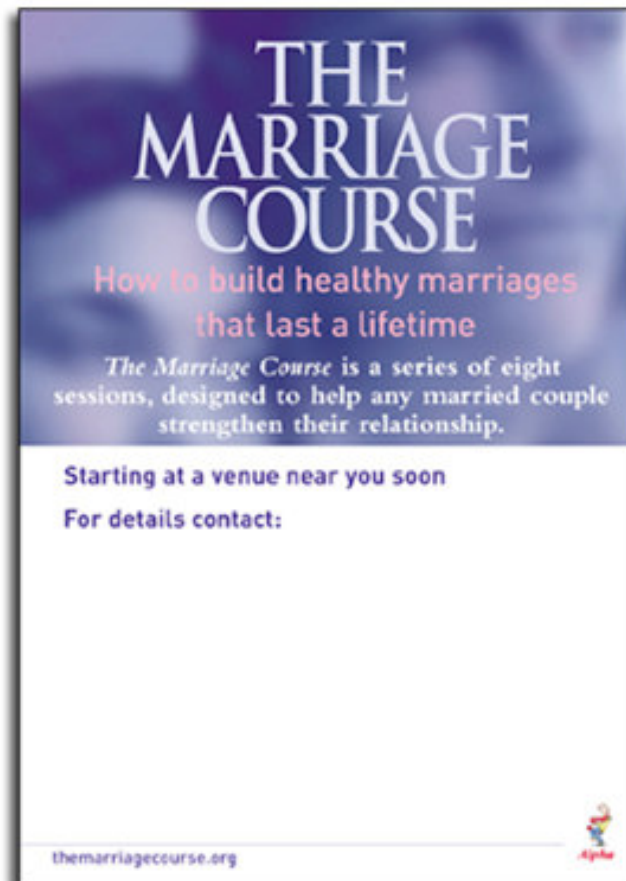
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