

Words of Wisdom

'No man is truly married until he understands every word his wife is *not* saying.'

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Wedded bliss takes a lot of planning, so start as you mean to go on. In the interest of future harmony there are some things that a wife should never say to her husband. After all, he might think she means them.

Here are a few examples of phrases you may live to regret:

- * 'You should go out with your mates more often.'
(*He will.*)
- * 'I don't really need a night out with the girls.'
(*Yes, you do.*)
- * 'If you want a new sports car, we don't *have* to go on holiday this year.'
(*You'll hate that car.*)
- * 'Look at that twenty-year-old. Don't you think she's attractive?'
(*You really don't want an honest answer to that.*)
- * 'Of course I don't want you to cook tonight.'
(*You may enjoy cooking, but never turn down an offer to hand over the oven gloves. It might be a long time before he asks again.*)

- * 'I think flowers are lame.'
(*Ten years down the line, you'll be lucky if he remembers your anniversary, let alone buys you flowers. Accept them while you can.*)
- * 'It's definitely my turn to change the nappy.'
(*That's one job it's always good to delegate.*)
- * 'Don't buy me anything for my birthday.'
(*He won't.*)
- * 'If you can't get the time off work, I'll go to all three nativity plays/sports days.'
(*You'll definitely live to regret that offer.*)
- * 'I can't stand your mother.'
(*The ultimate marital faux pas.*)

If you're lucky in love, your husband will always come up with the appropriate phrase to make you feel better in any situation. Any of the following, repeated on a regular basis, is bound to make for a happy marriage:

- * 'Put your feet up, darling.'
 - * 'That dress looks amazing.'
 - * 'I'll do the washing up.'
 - * 'Yes, that really is a bargain.'
 - * 'I love you.'
 - * 'Take *my* credit card.'
 - * 'Ding dong – Tiffany calling!'
 - * 'The kids are going to stay with my parents. We're going to Venice for the weekend.'
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* 'Let's get a takeaway.'

* 'You still look as great as the day we met.'

TEN DON'TS FOR HIS OFFICE DO

- 1 Practise pole dancing on the dance floor.
- 2 Suggest endless ways of making the company and your husband more efficient.
- 3 Get horribly drunk and throw up in the dinner.
- 4 Tell his work colleagues exactly what he thinks of them.
- 5 Challenge the weedy security guard to an arm-wrestling contest – and win.
- 6 Bribe the DJ to play nothing but slow numbers and then spend the night smooching with your hubby.
- 7 Insist on getting up and singing a song – even though it isn't a karaoke night.
- 8 Start a food fight.
- 9 Snog the boss.
- 10 Snog the boss's wife.

