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Falling in Love Again

VOCABULARY

Explicit =

clear, in detail, with no
doubt

Indefinitely =

For an unlimited,
unknown, or
unspecified period of
time

Touching =

Bringing feelings of
sympathy or gratitude

Reassuring =

Something that
removes doubts or
fears

Read the article overleaf and discuss these questions:

1. What do you think about each of these points? Are any of them surprising? Why?
2. Men: Which is the most important for you? Which is the least important? Why?
3. Women: Would your list be the same as these men's list? If not, what items would you add to your list? Which would you remove?
4. Married women: Do you do these things for your husband? Does he appreciate them?
5. Do you have "open-ended work days"? How about "semi-mandatory drinking parties"? If so, what do you think about that?

VOCABULARY

Psychic =

Relating to things that
cannot be explained by
natural laws

Open-ended =

With no clear ending
point

Mandatory =

Compulsory, required

Dress up =

To put on nice clothes,
for example for a special
occasion

Many couples start their relationship with a dramatic and **explicit** expression of love. However, it can be hard to maintain that level of passion **indefinitely**. Among married couples in Japan, it's not common to say "I love you" every day. After a few years of marriage, some spouses stop seeing each other as a man and a woman. But marriage is a long string of small shared experiences, and sometimes couples find a spark that reminds them why they fell in love.

Website R25 asked 200 married men to share the times when they fell in love with their wives all over again. Here are the top 10 responses:

10. When she treats my parents kindly and shows she cares about them

Many of the items on the list seem like they'd be applicable for wives rather than husbands, including this entry. If you come from a happy home, seeing that your spouse also appreciates your family is at once both **touching** and **reassuring**.

9. When she dresses up in a yukata, dress, or some other type of special outfit

Taking a break from everyday life by wearing something special can make a romantic mood.

8. When she cheers me up when I'm feeling down

Because everybody likes having someone to lean on.

7. When the sex is good

6. When she knows what's bothering me without me having to say anything

This seems like a **psychic** skill but it's very attractive in a spouse.

5. When I see her being kind to kids

It seems that men like to see their wife being kind to children - this includes their own children and other children.

4. When we go out on a date for the first time in a while and she has a good time

Many Japanese seem to have **open-ended** work days due to overtime and semi-**mandatory** drinking parties. Because of this, and taking care of children, "date nights" are rare for many married couples. It seems that it's important to make time.

3. When I see her put on makeup and dress up in fashionable clothes

Going on fewer dates means less dressing up. However, 25% of the men polled said they appreciated when their wives went to trouble to look nice.

2. When she takes care of me if I'm sick

1. When she cooks something for me that tastes good

The top choice is actually a little surprising. Is a tasty home-cooked meal such a rare occurrence for the men who chose this? Perhaps it's true that "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach"!