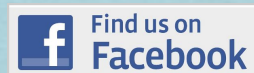


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Falling in Love Again

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 an **explicit** statement of love.

However, it can be hard to keep that level of passion **indefinitely**. Married couples in Japan rarely say “I love you” every day. After a few years of marriage, some spouses see each other as friends or partners. But marriage lasts a long time and sometimes couples remember why they fell in love.

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

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

This seems more like something that wives would appreciate. But for men also, seeing that your wife also appreciates your family is **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 - this can make a romantic mood.

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

Everybody likes having support from other people

7. When the sex is good

6. When she knows what's bothering me but I didn't have 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

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. They work a lot of overtime. Sometimes they have semi-**mandatory** drinking parties. Because of this, “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 said they appreciated when their wives tried 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. Does this mean that the men are falling in love again every day? Or does it mean that their wives don't cook often? Or perhaps they don't cook well?

Maybe it's true that “The way to a man's heart is through his stomach”!