

### Are you kidding me? It's free?

That's right! If you think Marital Bliss will add some fun to your relationship, we want you to play it. That's why we have this free basic print-and-play version of the game for you. It doesn't have the professional print quality, or the attention to detail that we put into the professional version, but it plays just fine.

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- 2. **Get the Right Paper**—While any heavyweight paper will do, you can save yourself some headaches by using perforated Avery® 8371 business cards. One pack of 250 business cards will print two sets of Marital Bliss.
- 3. **Print Them Suckers**—You can print the game on any home printer. If you want great quality, take it to a store like Staples. Make sure to keep the Reward cards separate from the Mission & Strategy cards!

### **Typos: The Silent Killer**

We'll be honest: we put way more time into scrutinizing the professionally printed version of Marital Bliss than we did this free version. So if you see a typo, or have trouble printing, or have questions about the rules, let us know! Just send an email to info(at)maritalblissgame.com and we'll get it fixed ASAP.

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### The Competitive Rules

The original. Great if you have a competitive side.

Rule #1 – This is your game, have fun with it! The rules will help you have fun, but there is always room for interpretation. Just like in real life negotiation is a critical part of Marital Bliss!

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### **Draw Your Reward**

**Draw five public reward cards and review**. Each player chooses one. It is OK to choose the same reward.

**Alternate Rule**: Each player draws five reward cards in private and chooses one in secret... the winner will reveal his or her reward at the end.

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### Review and Shuffle

**Don't skip this step!** Review all the cards together. Start with the rewards and then move on to the missions and strategies. Remove any unwanted cards (there are usually a few) before you start playing.

**Shuffle each deck separately.** Make sure to shuffle very well otherwise the points might not be balanced.

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### **Draw Your Missions**

**Draw seven secret mission cards per person.** If you draw a strategy card follow the rules as written.

**Brownie Points**: Nearly all missions have a superadvanced optional brownie point. Successful completion of both the mission and the brownie point adds one additional point to the card's value. In other words, a three point card with a successfully completed brownie point is worth four points.

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### **Discard Tough Missions**

At the end of the round any missions that are incomplete will count against your score!

After reviewing your secret missions you can discard any that you do not think you can complete.

This is your only chance to discard missions! But remember, if you discard too many you may not end up with enough points to win!



### You Have One Week

Starting right now, you have one week to complete your missions... in secret!

**Guessing:** You can try to guess one of your partner's missions at any time. If you guess correctly your partner must immediately discard that mission, it is worth nothing. If you guess incorrectly you lose one point.

**Revealing**: Do not reveal missions until the game ends. You have until the last day to try to guess missions.



### **Get Strategic**

Better Marriages Through Subterfuge.™

**Is your mission obvious?** Throw your spouse off the trail by doing some fake missions. He or she won't know which one is the real mission.

**Get creative.** Sure, that card says you have to write a poem... but does it say you have to give it to your spouse right away?



### Victory Dancing!

On the last day, reveal your missions and then add up earned points including brownie points. Subtract points for incomplete missions, incorrect

Subtract points for incomplete missions, incorrect guesses, and strategies. It is not always black and white, be prepared to argue your case... that is part of the fun.

When you win, pull the reward card from the deck. It is yours to hold on to as long as you want. Use it when the time is right. Now play again!





### The Cooperative Rules

Collaborate together in a race against time!

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### Clean Up the Deck

Go through the deck and remove all of the strategy cards. You will not need them for this round.

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### **Draw Your Reward**

**Draw five reward cards, share, and review**. Each player chooses one. It is OK to choose the same reward.



### How Long is the Game?

Shuffle the missions and then draw one card at random. The point value of this card equals the number of days in this round. Place the card back into the deck.



### **Draw Your Missions**

**Draw seven missions from the deck and show to your spouse.** You must complete the missions for, or with, each other before the end of the round.

If you are playing for **seven** days, you must earn 25 points to win.

If you are playing for **five** days, you must earn 20 points to win.

If you are playing for **three** days, you must earn 15 points to win.



### Reward Each Other!

At the end of the round, if you earn the points required to win, you both earn your rewards!

When you win, pull the reward card from the deck. It is yours to hold on to as long as you want. Use it when the time is right. Now play again!

### Thank You So Much!

It seems like every product for couples takes itself **so**... **darn**... **seriously**! Isn't it time for something a little more light-hearted? Marital Bliss probably won't change your life but if it helps makes your day-to-day relationship even a little more enjoyable then we will be happy. Thanks for playing!

- Nick & Nicole

### Stop by and say hello.

We want to hear from you. If you have comments or great ideas for future missions, strategies, or rewards, stop by our website. If we add your idea to a future version of the game we will list you as a sponsor!

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# Enough about me...



## Mission - 3 Points

Ask spouse to share something interesting from his or her day.

Brownie Point
Have a full conversation about
your spouse's day.

# But what do you think?



## Mission - 3 Points

something, and validate it. Ask spouse's opinion on

Brownie Point
Agree with his or her opinion.

### **Captain Fancypants** Well hello there,



## Mission - 3 Points

Be a gentleman or lady: Pull out a chair for your spouse.

Brownie Point
Help put on coat or loan jacket if chilly.

## food

## Mission - 3 Points

Buy groceries.

Brownie Point
Buy something extra just for your spouse.

# Sustenance!





Butterscotch-Drop. Schmookie-Pookie-

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## Mission - 3 Points

Call spouse by nickname

Brownie Point
Make up a new nickname for your spouse.



Ring, ring, ring, banana phone!

Hug it out.

So fresh, so clean.

Wrinkly fingers.

The most important

meal of the day.

## Mission - 3 Points

End the day with a hug

Call spouse during the day.

Mission - 3 Points

Brownie Point
Call three times or more

Brownie Point Four days in a row.



## Mission - 3 Points

(sweep, wash, etc.). Help clean

Brownie Point
Clean the bathroom



## Mission - 3 Points

Help clean the dishes.

Brownie Point
Must include pots and pans, and emptying or drying dishes.

## Mission - 3 Points

Help fix breakfast

Brownie Point Clean up breakfast



# The third important meal of the day.

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Mission - 3 Points

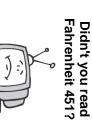
Help fix dinner.

# Brownie Point Cook spouse's favorite dinner.



Help take out the garbage Mission - 3 Points

Brownie Point
Recycle too!



## Mission - 3 Points

Spend some time together without the TV.

Brownie Point
Spend a day without TV.



## Mission - 3 Points

Make a cup of tea or coffee for spouse.

Brownie Point
Two days in a row.





Upon penalty of death!

### No cold hands or feet in bed. Mission - 3 Points

Brownie Point
Two nights in a row.

## It's on my way!



## Mission - 3 Points

Offer to pick something up from the store for your spouse.

Mission - 3 Points

Brownie Point
Open a car door for spouse.

Brownie Point
Actually pick up something at the store for spouse.

Open a door to a building for your spouse.

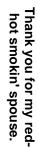


gentleman / lady? Aren't you such a

## Mission - 3 Points

Post something nice on your spouse's Facebook wall \*or whatever website is popular these days.

Brownie Point
Upload a picture of the two of you together.





## Mission - 3 Points

Say a prayer, give thanks, for your spouse.

Brownie Point
Pray with your spouse.

# Time to send a kitten

## Mission - 3 Points

Send spouse a nice email.

Brownie Point
Reference something funny he or she has done in the past.

## Sweet Tooth.



## Mission - 3 Points

Share candy with spouse.

Brownie Point
Give your spouse his or her own candy bar.

Remote, control.

Bottoms up!

Unbutton that collar.

### Hug it in.



## Mission - 3 Points

Start the day with a hug.

## Brownie Point Four days in a row.

Je t'aime.



## Mission - 3 Points

Tell your spouse you love him or

## **Brownie Point**

Say it in another language.

Thank you for

Is there something in your eye?



## Mission - 3 Points

Thank your spouse for something.

## marrying me.



Brownie Point
Thank your spouse for marrying



## Mission - 3 Points

Wink at your spouse

## Brownie Point Do it at a red light.

# Sweaty palms?

It wasn't me! OK,



## Mission - 5 Points

Hold hands with spouse

Do something your spouse will

consider silly.

Mission - 5 Points

## **Brownie Point**

significant other for an evening. Relinquish the remote to your

Close the toilet seat lid every time after you use it for the duration of the game.

Mission - 5 Points

Mission - 3 Points

Brownie Point
Watch something that you
normally wouldn't watch

Brownie Point Clean the toilet.

together.

Hold hands three times in next 12

Brownie Point

Make him or her laugh while you're

doin' it.

## actually it was.

## Mission - 5 Points

Apologize for something you've done wrong.

# Brownie Point Do something to make it right.

### Just make sure not to slobber.



## Mission - 5 Points

Blow a kiss at your spouse

Brownie Point Follow it up with a wink.

# Animals need lovin' too.



## Mission - 5 Points

Clean the litter box, feed the dog, just help with the pets.

Brownie Point
Eat some of the poop.

[Our lawyers have advised us against that brownie point.]

A puzzling predicament.

Hey there, good lookin'.

Well, it's about time!

# The all-you-can-snuggle buffet is: OPEN!



## Mission - 5 Points

Cuddle or snuggle with spouse.

Brownie Point
While watching a movie.

## 1.21 Gigawatts!

The grass is always

greener.



## Mission - 5 Points

memorable from your past

Discuss your future together

Brownie Point
Then discuss something



## Mission - 5 Points

Do a chore that is normally the other person's job.

Brownie Point

Do it two times in a row.

# You deserve something



## Mission - 5 Points

Give your spouse a gift

Brownie Point
Gift has to be hand-made

## Walk it off.



## Mission - 5 Points

Go for a walk together

Brownie Point
Walk or run at least
two miles together.

# Brownie Point Make sure some of them are in front of a friend or family member.

## Brownie Point Make it to third base.

Flirt with spouse like you're both single.

Give spouse five compliments.

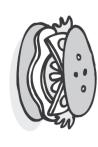
Mission - 5 Points

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Start a puzzle together Mission - 5 Points

Brownie Point
Finish the puzzle!

### important meal of the day. The second-most



Mission - 5 Points Help fix lunch.

Brownie Point Clean up lunch.

### How many bags can you carry?



## Mission - 5 Points

Help unload car after work or a grocery run.

Unload everything yourself. **Brownie Point** 

### fiscally responsible Adults should be



## Mission - 5 Points

Help with the bills

Brownie Point
Save some extra money
somehow.

# Out, damned spot!



## Mission - 5 Points



# Help with the laundry.

Brownie Point
Do all the laundry.

## The grass keeps growing.



## Mission - 5 Points

Help with yard work

# Brownie Point Spend more than an hour helping.

You're a regular Sinatra.

Alcohol is optional.

Don't choose the wenis. (It's the skin on your elbow, you pervert)

## Mission - 5 Points

Make a special drink for your spouse.

Hum a song to your spouse.

Mission - 5 Points

Brownie Point
Sing a song to your spouse.

Brownie Point

Make his or her favorite drink.

# Mission - 5 Points

Pick a bodypart on your spouse and kiss it five times (lips don't count).

Brownie Point In one day.

Go fish.

## Mission - 5 Points

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Play a game together (besides this one).

Brownie Point
Let your spouse win.



## Mission - 5 Points

Take your spouse out on a date.

## **Brownie Point**

Go somewhere neither of you have been before.

### Vroom!



## Mission - 5 Points

cold outside. Wash the car if it's Warm up his or her car if it's nice outside.

## Brownie Point Put gas in it too!

# No covering your eyes.



## Mission - 5 Points

Watch a movie together.

### Brownie Point Let your spouse choose the movie.

### Let's blow this popsicle stand.

## Mission - 7 Points

Plan something fun for the weekend.

Brownie Point
Plan a romantic getaway with your spouse.

## Mission - 7 Points

Brownie Point
Give spouse a backrub.



Scratch spouse's back before going to sleep.



# I've got an itch.

Get your motor runnin'.

## Mission - 7 Points

Go for a relaxing drive together.

Brownie Point
The drive must start and end at the same location.



Staring Contest!

## Mission - 7 Points

Reminisce about one of your favorite times together for at least seven minutes.

Hold eye contact for more than

seven seconds.

Mission - 7 Points

Brownie Point
Then tell your spouse you love him or her.

Brownie Point
Reminisce about your most favorite time with your spouse.



Like Dirty Dancing, but more clumsy

Call someone who

cares.

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## Mission - 7 Points

Bake cookies together

Brownie Point
Bake a cake together.



## Mission - 7 Points

Dance together

## Brownie Point In public.



## Mission - 7 Points

Get in touch with an in-law

Brownie Point
Plan your next get-together.

### Fingers for a reason. They call me Magic



## Mission - 7 Points

Give a head or scalp massage.

Brownie Point
Until your spouse says it's OK to

## A rose for a rose.



## Mission - 7 Points

Give your spouse a flower (or several).

Brownie Point
Pick a specific type, have a reason.

# One shirt doesn't count.



## Mission - 7 Points

Help iron clothes.

Brownie Point Iron all the clothes

## Why, I do declare!



## Mission - 7 Points

Kiss your spouse's hand

Brownie Point
With tongue.



Turn on the radio.



## Mission - 7 Points

Make your spouse hear "your song" somewhere, somehow.

Brownie Point
Do a little dancing too.

## If you pull this mission off you are a wizard.

Orange you glad I didn't

Watch out for the

sharks!

say banana?



## Mission - 7 Points

Prepare spouse's toothbrush for him or her.
(But don't use it. Ew.)

Peel an orange for your spouse

Mission - 7 Points

Brownie Point Feed him or her a bite.

Also go to a pool together.

**Brownie Point** 

Play pool together Mission - 7 Points

Brownie Point Morning & Night

## Nice and toasty.

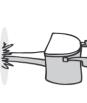


## Mission - 7 Points

Put spouse's towel in dryer so it will be nice and warm when he or she gets out of shower.

Brownie Point
Towel him or her off.

# Check the mailbox!



## Mission - 7 Points

Send your spouse a card

Has to be sentimental - no comedy cards.

# **Brownie Point**

### Oh, let's visit the gynecologist!

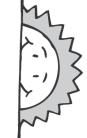


## Mission - 7 Points

Visit someplace that you've never been together before.

Brownie Point
Spend the night there.

## Set the alarm for "early."



## Mission - 7 Points

Watch a sunrise together.

Brownie Point
And sunset in the same day.

### Wake me when it's pretty.

## Mission - 7 Points

Watch a sunset together.

Brownie Point
While sitting in bathtubs, like in that one commercial.



A rhyming mission

Wild Card!

card, what a treat!

## Mission - 7 Points



Write your spouse a poem, short and neat.





## Mission - 5 Points

Create your own mission.



My favorite flower is Gold Medal® All-Purpose

Make it a baker's dozen.

Wonka would be proud.

One slice of toast

Anorth

### Reward -

A batch of your favorite cookies prepared by a loving spouse.

delivered to you by itself or in a beautiful bouquet.

Your favorite flower; hand

Reward -



### Reward -

One big 'ol bag of your favorite candy.



### Reward -

Breakfast in bed



### Reward -

Buy whatever you want, \$25 or



## Shopping Spree!



### Reward -

Buy whatever you want, \$50 or less.

# I can't see a darn thing.

Don't feed the monkey.

Just like the fortune

Get. Out.

cookie says.



### Reward -

A romantic candlelit dinner for two.



### Reward -

Take an all expense paid trip to the amusement park, zoo, etc.



### Reward -

Expand your horizons and mix things up with something new... in bed.



### Reward -

Sleep in as long as you darn well please.

## I need coffee and crullers, stat!

I'm the foot freakin'

master.



### Reward -

A nice long foot massage. Get some oil, make it count.

Your spouse must acquiesce to your food cravings and get you whatever you want from the

store.

Reward -





### Reward -

Four hours to do whatever the heck you want.

# Two roads diverged in a wood...

### Reward -

Relaxing or sensual, your choice of full body massage (just clarify up front).

# Is this what people did before the Internet?



### Reward -

Go bowling, roller skating, or ice skating together.

### I'm a Capulet, you're a Montague.



Go to the theater, see a show together.

# What's cookin' good lookin'?



### Reward -

One good home cooked meal of your choice, spouse does all the work and cleanup.

### The only thing better than ice cream is more ice cream.



A banana split or your choice of sundae with whatever you want Reward on top.



### Reward -

You know what it means, you lucky devil.





I'm dying to see that new zombie movie.



### Reward -

Movie at a theater, you choose the movie. Spouse pays for popcorn and snacks.

### I heard the new pirate movie is rated arrrrrr.



### Reward -

One blessed night alone.

Movie night at home, you choose the movie. Spouse makes the popcorn and snacks.

Reward -



I stole a car for you!

friends peace and quiet.

Just you and your



### Reward -

Hit the town together. Get out, get down, get funky. Includes dinner.



### Reward -

One surprise gift from your spouse. (Marital Bliss does not condone the theft of automobiles.)



### Reward -

One long passionate kiss.



### Don't pick on Nick. He doesn't like that.



### Reward -

Go on a picnic date.

### Yes, you there, pamper my bottom.



### Reward -

Your royal majesty is the Queen or King for a day.

### Make sure they don't charge by the hour.

Déjà vu?

It's for her, weirdo.



### Reward -

Rent a nice hotel room, or pick out a bed & breakfast for the weekend.



### Reward -

Repeat your very first date with your spouse.



### Reward -

Pick out some sexy lingerie together.

# Grinding is optional.

You clean the toilet for

once!



### Reward -

Spouse has to do something that he or she normally hates doing (and do it cheerfully without complaint).

Slow dance to a song of your

choice.

Reward -

### We've always wanted to go bull riding together.



### Reward -

Spouse must participate in a hobby or activity with you that he or she normally wouldn't do.



### Reward -

music, a beverage, candles, and Spouse receives a bodacious bubble bath complete with scented soap.



### Reward -

Create your own Reward!



Wild Card!

### Classy to trashy in :03 flat.



### Reward -

Wine and cheese, or beer and chips, delivered to you with a

### Your wish is my command.



### Reward -

obey to the best of his or her One free wish. Spouse must ability.

# **Bonus Cards!**



### Strategy -

Play this card as soon as it is drawn.

Now you have more missions to Discard this one and draw two additional cards for your hand. choose from!

# Sorry about your luck.



### Strategy -

Play this card as soon as it is drawn.

spouse's mission cards from his or her hand. You're so mean. Blindly remove one of your

# Shot in the Dark.



### Strategy -

Play this card anytime throughout the round.

penalty if you guess incorrectly You get one free guess at your partner's mission. There's no

## Double-Down!

Pop quiz, hotshot.

QUIZ 1



## Strategy -

Play this card anytime throughout the round.

This card is valid throughout the

round.

Strategy -

Partner must identify your shirt, pant, bra, or shoe size (pick one) or lose one point. There's no penalty to you if he or she answers correctly.

in your hand a second time and get an additional point if you are

successful.

You can complete one mission

## Pop quiz, hotshot.



### Strategy -

throughout the round. Play this card anytime

Partner must identify your favorite color, movie, band, book, game (pick one) or lose one point. There's no penalty to you if he or she answers correctly.

## Shot in the Dark.



### Strategy -

Play this card anytime throughout the round.

penalty if you guess incorrectly You get one free guess at your partner's mission. There's no

### SOME FINAL NOTES.

P.S. THIS IS NOT A GAME CARD.

The Strategy Cards: Mix mission cards, and then strategy cards with the shuffle.

one player might get all thoroughly! Otherwise Make sure to shuffle the high point value cards.

Thanks for playing!