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Extended Definition Sample

English 0310 - Distance Education

### *Traits of a True Husband*



**Comment [n1]:** Nice title; interesting use of True in it.

What is a husband? A husband is a married man. He is a mature individual who

**Comment [n2]:** Question intro method start.

promises his unconditional love to spend the rest of his days for better or worse with one

woman – his wife. A husband is not the superior person in the marriage, but an equal partner to

**Comment [n3]:** Formal definition and personal view definition used.

his wife in the relationship. He is one whose personal growth expands as he experiences more

**Comment [n4]:** Contrast method used.

of married life. He is a jack-of-all-trades. Most importantly, a husband is a provider, a

**Comment [n5]:** More of personal definition used.

protector, a lover, and a friend to his wife.

**Comment [n6]:** Specific thesis statement given. Four examples given of what a husband is: provider, protector, lover, friend.

A husband feels the obligation to provide for his wife. He wants to be the breadwinner.

A husband contributes his earnings to furnish the needs for his wife and household. He tries to provide his wife with an abundance of food, fine clothing, and a warm home. Not only does he aim to give her these essentials of living, but he sometimes caters to her extra desires.

Unexpected flowers, extravagant jewelry, or a night on the town are other delightful things given from a husband's heart. Filled with a sense of pride, a husband is satisfied knowing he has provided for the woman he loves.

**Comment [n7]:** Numerous examples are given. The examples bring home to the reader what is meant when the writer said in the thesis: a husband is a provider.

In addition, a husband is his wife's protector. At times, he climbs out of bed into the dark and returns to calm her fears caused by frightening noises in the night. A husband is his wife's security blanket, holding her close to him during the cracking thunder and lightning of a turbulent thunderstorm. He is her bodyguard, carefully watching for any danger as they walk through unfamiliar surroundings. A husband in fact, becomes his wife's lifelong Superman.

**Comment [n8]:** Transitional word used.

**Comment [n9]:** Visual description used. See pink highlighted phrases.

Moreover, a husband is a sensual and consummate lover. He is attentive to his spouse's wants and needs. He is not a man interested only in self-gratification, but one who willingly seeks to bring total fulfillment to his wife. A husband is not a cowboy who considers lovemaking a few seconds of raging excitement in a rodeo arena. He is a passionate lover who slowly caresses and embraces his wife to bring forth true meaning to their union.

**Comment [n10]:** Transitional word used to introduce the next idea of what is a husband.

**Comment [n11]:** Example and contrast methods used.

Perhaps most of all, a husband is a friend. He is his wife's shopping buddy, going from store to store in the mall, giving her welcomed critique of which clothes he should buy. He is a faithful companion respecting his wife's opinion and feeling. A husband is not a judge who persecutes his wife's shortcomings or mistakes. He is an understanding individual who listens to her problems and offers to help her with them.

**Comment [n12]:** I hope you notice this essay has this writer's style and tone. From the examples given, the reader can see through his eyes what is a husband. I would like to see this in your writing, your style and tone.

**Comment [n13]:** Transitional phrase used to signal the concluding definition of what is a husband.

**Comment [n14]:** Example and conclusion methods used.

Therefore, being a husband requires an immense amount of responsibility. Not only does a married man strive for his wife's safety and well-being, but he demonstrates respect and infinite love for her. He remains faithful to his wife and his vows of matrimony. Only after possessing such qualities, can a man be considered a genuine husband.

**Comment [n15]:** The conclusion echoes the introduction and thesis points with a look to the future.

