

CHAPTER 31 ACTIVITY
Basic Concepts

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Directions: Match the term on the left with its corresponding definition on the right.

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| 1. ____ annulment | a. amount of inheritance that a spouse can claim regardless of what the deceased spouse wrote in the will |
| 2. ____ bigamy | b. agreement by unmarried people living together about how to handle property and responsibilities |
| 3. ____ civil unions | c. right of a spouse to prevent the other spouse from testifying in court in civil cases |
| 4. ____ cohabitation agreement | d. lying about an important aspect of marriage that can result in an annulment |
| 5. ____ common-law marriage | e. property acquired before the marriage, either by gift or by inheritance |
| 6. ____ community property | f. federal statute defining marriage as between one man and one woman but giving states the right to decide differently |
| 7. ____ <i>Defense of Marriage Act</i> | g. written document made before marriage that sets forth rights and responsibilities |
| 8. ____ divorce | h. legal end to a marriage |
| 9. ____ domestic partnership law | i. civil order to keep an abuser away from the victim |
| 10. ____ equitable distribution | j. property owned together by the spouses |
| 11. ____ fraud | k. pattern of violence used against an intimate partner |
| 12. ____ marriage | l. system of property ownership in which both spouses own property equally, regardless of who earns or purchases it |
| 13. ____ marital property | m. legal status extending many traditional marriage rights to same-sex couples |
| 14. ____ order of protection | n. already being married when marrying a second time |
| 15. ____ palimony | o. marriage created without a license |

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- 16. _____ polygamy
 - 17. _____ prenuptial agreement
 - 18. _____ separate property
 - 19. _____ spousal privilege
 - 20. _____ spouse abuse
 - 21. _____ statutory share
- p. division of property at divorce in which spouses keep their separate property, and marital property is divided based on fairness
 - q. recognition of property rights made through contract by unmarried persons living together
 - r. legal declaration that a marriage never existed
 - s. statute requiring employers to extend fringe benefits to persons cohabiting with unmarried employees
 - t. contract between two persons to live together as spouses
 - u. status of having more than one wife