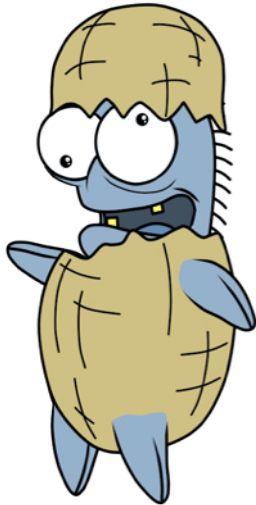


# 13

Cartoonversation™  
Card Episode 13

## **Divorce** **Under The Microscope**



### Five Cartoonversation™ Starters

1. Do you have any friends or relatives whose parents are divorced?  
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2. What is something that changes significantly in a family of divorce?  
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3. What is something that stays the same in a family of divorce?  
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4. What are some questions that kids should ask their parents about divorce?  
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5. What are some questions that parents should ask their kids about divorce?  
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### Five Factoids

1. According to research, children whose parents are divorced are more likely to drop out of school.
2. Men are twice as likely to suffer from depression after going through a divorce.
3. Couples with children are less likely to get divorced than couples without children.
4. Divorce is less likely among couples with higher levels of education.
5. Divorce counseling for children can help families adjust better after a divorce.

### Five Websites

For more helpful information, please visit these websites:

1. [imom.com](http://imom.com)
2. [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org)
3. [whataboutme.org](http://whataboutme.org)
4. [familieschange.ca](http://familieschange.ca)
5. [iamachildofdivorce.ca](http://iamachildofdivorce.ca)



# Story Card



## *Does it ever seem like you live your life under a microscope?*

Meet three friends who know exactly how you feel. They may be single-celled organisms living on a microscope slide in a lab, but take a closer look and you will see they have more in common with us than meets the eye.

### **Parry Mecium**

Parry can sometimes be the single-celled bull in a china shop. He means well and he certainly likes his friends, but it doesn't always come across that way. We all know someone like Parry, and sometimes we may be the one acting like Parry and not even know it.

### **Gina Euglena**

Gina often plays the role of big sister to Andy, and she looks to keep him out of harm's way. Sometimes that means Gina is the one who ends up in harm's way - or in Parry's way. She may have a little bit of a temper, but she is all heart.

### **Andy O'Moeba**

Andy is the youngster, and it shows. He is lovable, curious and a bit of a troublemaker. He isn't afraid to try new things (most of the time), and he isn't afraid to show his emotions. He isn't afraid to eat, either!

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### **Divorce**

What happens to a family when parents divorce? The answer to that question is probably different for every single family, but one thing is certain - life changes.

Change can bring opportunity, but it can also bring fear, sadness, even anger. As painful as those feelings can be, it's important to talk through them and to understand what you and your family are experiencing.

It's also important to speak up. Everyone in a family matters, and everyone should have their feelings heard. Use the Cartoonversation™ Card to get those voices going, and be sure to speak your mind and your heart. Enjoy the cartoon. Enjoy the kids.