



Week 6

Physical Attractiveness

Reinforcing attraction, embodied care, and mutual respect

Expanded Edition

Practical exercises, deployment-ready examples, and guided weekly growth.

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Definition	Why it matters in deployment	Weekly focus
Physical attractiveness in this framework includes wanting to remain appealing to one another and communicating attraction with dignity and care. It is not a demand for perfection.	Deployment can affect sleep, stress, routines, confidence, and body image. Respectful affirmation helps partners feel seen and desired without shame or comparison.	Strengthen attraction and confidence while protecting autonomy, sensitivity, and emotional safety.

Core practices for this week

- Offer specific, sincere compliments rather than vague reassurance.
- Support health and self-care without policing appearance.
- Ask what kind of affirmation feels comfortable.
- Avoid comparison with past bodies, other people, or social media.
- Discuss reunion appearance anxieties with kindness and realism.

Conversation prompts	This week’s couple actions
• “What kind of compliment feels most believable to you?” • “How can I support your confidence without creating pressure?” • “Is there anything about reunion appearance that makes you anxious?”	• Name two qualities you find attractive. • Choose one self-care practice for your own well-being. • Discuss attraction and emotional safety together.

Guided growth exercises

Choose one exercise to complete during a call or video chat, or work through all three across the week. The goal is consistent practice, not perfect performance.

Attraction Language Inventory

15
minutes

Purpose: Learn which forms of affirmation feel genuine and welcome.

1. Each partner lists three physical compliments and three non-physical qualities that make them feel attractive.
2. Cross out wording that feels uncomfortable or objectifying.
3. Choose two phrases to use naturally this week.

Self-Care Support Plan

15
minutes

Purpose: Support confidence without controlling the other person's body.

1. Each person identifies one realistic self-care goal for sleep, movement, grooming, or stress relief.
2. Ask: "Do you want encouragement, accountability, or privacy?"
3. Agree not to monitor or criticize the goal.

Reunion Confidence Conversation

15
minutes

Purpose: Reduce appearance anxiety before homecoming.

1. Each person names one insecurity or concern.
2. Respond with reassurance that does not dismiss the feeling.
3. Agree to prioritize warmth, patience, and mutual comfort over idealized expectations.

How this can look in real life

Deployment communication is often brief, interrupted, or emotionally uneven. These examples show how to apply the week's skill without requiring a perfect conversation.

Situation	A partner avoids video because they feel unattractive.
Try this	"I enjoy seeing you, but I do not want video to feel like a test. We can use audio tonight, and I still want you to know I am attracted to you."
Why it helps	It communicates attraction while respecting autonomy.

Situation	A compliment is rejected with "You have to say that."
Try this	"I understand it may be hard to believe right now. I am not saying it out of obligation. I genuinely notice your smile and the way you carry yourself."
Why it helps	Specificity makes affirmation more credible.

Situation	One partner wants to encourage fitness but sounds critical.
Try this	"I care more about how you feel than a number or appearance. Would support around movement feel helpful, or would you rather manage that privately?"
Why it helps	It removes pressure and returns choice.

Common traps to avoid

- Treating attraction as a performance requirement.
- Using "health" language to disguise criticism.
- Comparing the spouse to other people.
- Assuming confidence can be fixed by one compliment.

A useful reset phrase

"I want my words to help you feel seen and valued, not evaluated."

Workbook and seven-day application plan

Complete the reflection prompts individually, then share what feels useful. Use the seven-day plan as a flexible rhythm rather than a rigid requirement.

What kind of affirmation helps me feel attractive and respected?

What appearance-related pressure do I want us to avoid?

What self-care practice would support my confidence during deployment?

Seven-day application plan

Day 1	Complete the Attraction Language Inventory.
Day 2	Offer one specific, non-demanding compliment.
Day 3	Choose one self-care goal.
Day 4	Ask what type of support is wanted.
Day 5	Affirm one non-physical attractive quality.
Day 6	Discuss one reunion confidence concern.
Day 7	Choose language that both partners want to continue.