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This is why I love the English language...

When I was writing a previous post, I was trying to decide if it is proper to treat the word *couple* as singular, or plural. This is what Merriam-Webster recommends.

When writing of a couple getting married, it is more common to use the plural form (“the couple are to be wed”). When writing of an established couple, it is more common to use a singular verb (“the couple has six puppies, each more destructive than the next”). Merriam-Webster.com

So, I am supposed to know if the couple I am describing is married or not? And how long does the couple have to be together to qualify as “*established*”?



What if the couple are (is) in the process of consummating their marriage? Singular or Plural? ...

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