

The Wedding – extension activities

Warm-up Questions

- Have you ever attended a wedding? If so, whose?
- When is the best month to hold a wedding?
- Where would you like to go on your honeymoon?

Vocabulary List

The following words are connected to weddings:

bouquet	bride	bridesmaid
ceremony	chapel	dress
flower-girl	groom	invitation
married	reception	ring-boy
usher	veil	wedding

- **Make 5 statements** using one or more of the words in each statement.
- **Tell a story** about a wedding experience using as many of the words as you can.

Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in full sentences:

1. Who does the man compare the bride to?
2. Other than the bride and groom, who else participated in the ceremony?
3. What is the man's occupation?
4. How does the woman describe the bride's appearance?
5. What kind of competition did the bride enter when she was a student?
6. According to the woman, what colour are the bridesmaids' dresses?
7. Why does the man not join in the wedding photograph?
8. If the woman had any children, what clothes would she want them to wear at the wedding?
9. What does *erstwhile* mean?
10. Why does the man think it is strange that he and the woman were invited to the wedding?

True or False Statements

State T or F at the end of the following statements:

1. The woman and the bride went to the same school.
2. The man is sure the bride is pregnant.
3. The man declines the bouquet after the woman catches it.
4. The woman and man were both standing at the back of the chapel during the wedding ceremony.
5. The man and woman are both relatives of the married couple.

Tag Questions

A tag question is a statement followed by a mini question. There are several tag questions used in this scene, for example, the woman says, 'The bride looked absolutely gorgeous, **doesn't she?**' and shortly after that she adds, 'And the flower girl and the little ring boy were so sweet, **weren't they?**' Now try these exercises:

- Underline the tag questions in the scene.
- Write out three tag questions of your own.
- Ask your partner the tag questions.

Synonym

Near the end of the scene, while the man is trying to guess the woman's connection to the groom, he uses several synonyms of the word *former* including, old, previous, first, last, etc. Can you think of **5 synonyms** for each of the following words?

1. now
2. blue
3. dress
4. marriage
5. school

Role-Play

Try the following role-plays in pairs:

- Two people meeting on the street are sure they know each other. Start with the opening line, 'Do I know you from somewhere?'
- A couple are compromising on their wedding plans. One prefers a white wedding, the other prefers something different. Start with the opening line, 'What kind of wedding do you think we should have?'

Discussion

Discuss these questions in small groups:

- Can you describe the theme of your dream wedding?
- Are weddings worth the cost?
- Do you agree with the idea of marriage?