

What happens at a traditional Christian wedding in the UK? And what other types of wedding are there? Join Amandeep as she meets a young British couple on their wedding day.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... | a horse-drawn carriage | a. promised to be married |
| 2..... | engaged | b. the woman who is getting married |
| 3..... | a civil ceremony | c. the man who is getting married |
| 4..... | the bride | d. a female friend or family member who helps the bride at her wedding |
| 5..... | the groom | e. a non-religious wedding |
| 6..... | a bridesmaid | f. any building for religious activities such as services, singing or special ceremonies |
| 7..... | tolerance | g. a small vehicle with wheels, pulled by a horse |
| 8..... | a place of worship | h. accepting opinion, beliefs, behaviour, etc. that is different from your own, without criticising |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The bells are ringing because there is a wedding. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Stevie's bridesmaids are helping her get ready. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Stevie is feeling a bit nervous. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Bobby and Stevie are having a civil ceremony. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Bobby and Stevie are having a traditional Christian ceremony. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The vicar thinks that good marriages need accepting attitudes, help when necessary and humour. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | Sometimes people cry at weddings. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

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| 8. | The bride arrives with her mother. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9. | Bobby and Stevie exchange rings as a symbol of their marriage. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. | After the official ceremony, everyone goes home to rest. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your grammar: gap fill - prepositions

Write the preposition to fill the gaps.

- The sound _____ bells in an English churchyard.
- Stevie and Bobby are engaged and are allowing Word on the Street to follow them _____ their special day.
- The day starts very early _____ the morning for the bride, Stevie.
- The bridesmaids help Stevie _____ the preparations.
- Today in Britain there are many marriage ceremonies, depending _____ the religion or beliefs of the couple.
- This marriage ceremony goes back first _____ the Reformation in the 16th century.
- The groom arrives first and waits _____ his bride.
- Bobbie and Stevie have declared their marriage _____ the joining of hands and exchanging of rings.

Discussion

Have you ever been to a marriage ceremony?

How do people celebrate weddings in your country?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.