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.

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.

1. The bells are ringing because there is a wedding. True False
2. Stevie’s bridesmaids are helping her get ready. True False
3. Stevie is feeling a bit nervous. True False
4. Bobby and Stevie are having a civil ceremony. True False
5. Bobby and Stevie are having a traditional Christian ceremony. True False
6. The vicar thinks that good marriages need accepting attitudes, help when necessary and humour. True False
7. Sometimes people cry at weddings. True False
8. The bride arrives with her mother. True False
9. Bobby and Stevie exchange rings as a symbol of their marriage. True False
10. After the official ceremony, everyone goes home to rest. True False

2. Check your grammar: gap fill - prepositions
Write the preposition to fill the gaps.

1. The sound _______________ bells in an English churchyard.
2. Stevie and Bobby are engaged and are allowing Word on the Street to follow them _______________ their special day.
3. The day starts very early _______________ the morning for the bride, Stevie.
4. The bridesmaids help Stevie _______________ the preparations.
5. Today in Britain there are many marriage ceremonies, depending _______________ the religion or beliefs of the couple.
6. This marriage ceremony goes back first _______________ the Reformation in the 16th century.
7. The groom arrives first and waits _______________ his bride.
8. 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.