

Word on the Street Wedding

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch Amandeep's documentary about a wedding in England. Put the parts of the documentary in order.

- She talks to Bobby, the groom.
- She talks about different kinds of wedding ceremonies in Britain.
- She interviews the vicar at Stevie and Bobby's wedding.
- Stevie and Bobby get married.
- Amandeep talks to Stevie, the bride.
- Stevie and Bobby sign the register.

Activity 2

Use the correct expressions to complete the extracts from the documentary. Then watch the documentary again to check your answers.

register / husband and wife / couple /
Same-sex couples / groom / marriage
ceremonies / civil ceremony / vicar /
wedding day / church / carriage /
bridesmaids / Christian wedding /
engaged / reception / bride

00.00 – 00.46

The sound of bells in an English churchyard. The bells signal a very special event for one _____ because today is their _____. Stevie and Bobby are _____ and are allowing Word on the Street to follow them on their special day, when they become man and wife. The day starts very early in the morning for the _____, Stevie, and _____ help her with the preparations.

01.20 – 1.56

Bobby and Stevie are having a traditional _____ in a _____. But today in Britain, there are many different _____, depending on the religion or beliefs of the couple. A _____ is a non-religious legal marriage that takes place somewhere other than a place of worship. _____ can also get married in Britain. To understand more about today's ceremony, I met the _____ who's going to be leading it.

02.28 – 04.00

The _____ arrives first, and waits for his bride. ... The bride arrives in a horse-drawn _____, accompanied by her father. And now the ceremony can begin. ... With the signing of the official _____, Bobby and Stevie are now legally _____. After some photographs to record the big day, everybody will go to a local hall for dinner and a big party called the _____.

Discussion

- How do people celebrate marriage in your culture?
- What do you think makes for a lasting relationship?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

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Answers

Activity 1

1. E. Amandeep talks to Stevie, the bride.
2. A. She talks to Bobby, the groom.
3. B. She talks about different kinds of wedding ceremonies in Britain.
4. C. She interviews the vicar at Stevie and Bobby's wedding.
5. D. Stevie and Bobby get married.
6. F. Stevie and Bobby sign the register.

Activity 2

00.00 – 00.46

The sound of bells in an English churchyard. The bells signal a very special event for one couple because today is their wedding day. Stevie and Bobby are engaged and are allowing Word on the Street to follow them on their special day, when they become man and wife. The day starts very early in the morning for the bride, Stevie, and bridesmaids help her with the preparations.

01.20 – 1.56

Bobby and Stevie are having a traditional Christian wedding in a church. But today in Britain, there are many different marriage ceremonies, depending on the religion or beliefs of the couple. A civil ceremony is a non-religious legal marriage that takes place somewhere other than a place of worship. Same-sex couples can also get married in Britain. To understand more about today's ceremony, I met the vicar who's going to be leading it.

02.28 – 04.00

The groom arrives first, and waits for his bride. ... The bride arrives in a horse-drawn carriage, accompanied by her father. And now the ceremony can begin. ... With the signing of the official register, Bobby and Stevie are now legally husband and wife. After some photographs to record the big day, everybody will go to a local hall for dinner and a big party called the reception.