

Intermediate English I – Reading and Writing Task

American Wedding Customs

In the US, some people have very traditional wedding ceremonies, but others prefer nontraditional ceremonies. Many people get married in places like event centers or even at home. Some weddings are in the morning, but most weddings are in the afternoon or the evening. If you receive a wedding invitation, you should send an RSVP. You can do this online if the wedding couple has a wedding website. There is usually an online gift registry so that you can send gifts directly to the bride and groom. Guests at traditional weddings usually wear suits and dresses. People also dress up for non-traditional weddings, but the clothes are usually a little less formal.

On the day of the wedding, the bride and groom do not see each other before the ceremony. In traditional weddings, the bride walks to the groom with her father, but now some brides walk with both parents. After the ceremony, there is a wedding reception, where there's a big meal, and friends and family members give short speeches. There is usually a band or a DJ, and people dance and celebrate through the night with the newly married couple.

- 1 Where do people get married? _____
- 2 At what time of day do people get married? _____
- 3 Where do people usually buy wedding gifts? _____
- 4 What do guests wear to weddings? _____
- 5 What happens at the wedding? _____
- 6 What happens after the wedding ceremony? _____