

Vocabulary

1 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 It won't be a big party – we're only going to invite
i _____ family.
- 2 I met up with some d _____ relatives I hadn't seen for
ages.
- 3 The food was the h _____ of the evening – it was
amazing!
- 4 I was really s _____ on my birthday – everyone was so
kind to me!
- 5 Going up in a hot-air balloon was a once in a
i _____ experience.
- 6 The trip to New York was great – I had the t _____ of my
i ___!
- 7 A lot of families go to m ___ at the church every Sunday
morning.
- 8 Jan is an only child – she doesn't have any
s _____.
- 9 There is a s _____ side to the celebration as well
as a fun side.
- 10 The p _____ gave a blessing at the end of the
ceremony.

2 Choose the correct words.

- 1 Jo says he likes Anna but he isn't *attract* / *attracted* to her.
- 2 Bess is *mad* / *madly* in love with Carl.
- 3 When Emma and Jake met, it was love *at* / *in* first sight.
- 4 Jack *toasted* / *proposed* to her, and they got married three
months later.
- 5 Fiona has just *split up* / *split out* with her boyfriend.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are two verbs you don't need.

catch giggle lose shake stare suppress yell

- 1 Please stop _____ at me. I hate it when people look
at me.
- 2 I was feeling bored, and I tried to _____ a yawn.
- 3 I asked if he was coming to the party, but he _____
his head and said no.
- 4 Sara ran off, so I _____ at her to come back.
- 5 I tried to _____ Mark's eye across the room, but he
didn't see me.

Grammar

4 Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 I was confused because he _____ (not mention) any of that to me before.
- 2 I arrived late because I _____ (misunderstand) Clara's message.
- 3 I was tired because I _____ (play) tennis all day.
- 4 She _____ (never / want) to get married until she met Phillip.
- 5 I apologised, but Joe said he _____ (not / wait) long.
- 6 At that time, I _____ (not hear) from her for more than three months.
- 7 I went home because I _____ (feel) ill all morning.

- 8 When I saw Carrie, I could tell that she _____ (cry) because her eyes were red.

5 Choose the correct relative pronouns.

- 1 First-borns, *that* / *who* / *which* are used to being given responsibility, make great leaders.
- 2 This is the lady *who* / *which* / *whose* I told you about.
- 3 The person *which* / *that* / *whose* car is parked over there can't be a very good driver.
- 4 They went to Greece, *which* / *where* / *who* he asked her to marry him.
- 5 People *that* / *which* / *whose* laugh at such jokes are simply insensitive.
- 6 After a year we had our first child, *that* / *which* / *who* was a wonderful experience.

6 Complete the second sentence with a reduced relative clause.

- 1 Children who are given pocket money learn to manage money.
Children _____ learn to manage money.
- 2 Young people who live in villages don't have access to many facilities.
Young people _____ don't have access to many facilities.
- 3 The students who are invited to the lecture are all studying Chemistry.
The students _____ are all studying Chemistry.
- 4 The teams that are playing in this match are both good.
The teams _____ are both good.
- 5 Children who are praised at home do better at school.
Children _____ do better at school.
- 6 The people who were watching the show enjoyed it.
The people _____ enjoyed it.

Listening

Listen to an interview with a marriage guidance counsellor. Complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

- 1 According to the newspaper article, marriage guidance counselling can _____.
- 2 According to Melanie, articles such as this shouldn't be _____.
- 3 Melanie says that when a couple comes to her, first she has to _____ the couple so that they can talk about difficult things.
- 4 Melanie sometimes has to calm people down when things get _____.
- 5 When people are planning a wedding, a lot of problems are caused by one person _____ without telling the other.

Reading

3 Read the two texts. For questions 1–5, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Text A

1 When the soldier entered the church,
A he tried unsuccessfully to hide his emotions.
B the women and girls were waiting for him.
C the first thing everyone noticed was his uniform.
D he soon stopped feeling embarrassed.

2 While the soldier was waiting in the church,
A the church was completely silent except for the bell.
B the noise level in the church steadily increased.
C the women were watching his face all the time.
D the soldier stood completely still.

3 The woman felt most frightened when she
A realised she was in the wrong church.
B saw the expression on Frank's face.
C was waiting in the middle of the square.
D arrived at All Souls' church.

Text B

4 According to the writer, getting married abroad
A makes the day more special.
B is too expensive for most people.
C can cause more problems than a local wedding.
D gives the day more meaning than a local wedding.

5 Overall, the writer's opinion could be summed up by saying:
A The day is special because you are getting married.
B People worry too much about their wedding day.
C The more the wedding costs, the more special the day is.
D You can reduce the stress by letting others make decisions for you.

Text A

All Saints' and All Souls'

ON a week-day morning a small congregation, consisting mainly of women and girls, rose from its knees in the church called All Saints'. They were about to disperse, when a smart footstep, entering the porch and coming up the central passage, arrested their attention. Everybody looked. A young cavalry soldier in a red uniform strode up the aisle, with an embarrassment which was only the more marked by the determination upon his face to show none. A slight flush mounted his cheek but he never paused till he came close to the altar railing. Here for a moment he stood alone.

‘Tis a wedding!’ murmured some of the women, brightening. ‘Let's wait!’ The majority again sat down. There was a creaking of machinery with a quarter-jack and small bell beneath it, the automaton being driven by the same clock machinery that struck the large bell in the tower. The jack had struck half-past eleven. ‘Where's the woman?’ whispered some of the spectators. The young sergeant was as silent as he was still. The silence grew to be a noticeable thing as the minutes went on, and nobody else appeared, and not a soul moved.

The rattle of the quarter-jack again, its blows for three-quarters, caused many of the congregation to start that artificial coughing which betrays a nervous suspense. But the soldier never moved. There he stood, upright as a column, his cap in his hand. The clock ticked on. The women threw off their nervousness, and giggling became more frequent. Then came a dead silence. Everyone was waiting for the end. The sergeant had not yet turned; every woman in the church was waiting to see his face, and he appeared to know

it. At last he did turn, and stalked resolutely down the nave, braving them all.

Opposite the church was a paved square. The young man on leaving the door went to cross the square, when, in the middle, he met a woman. The expression of her face, which had been one of intense anxiety, sank at the sight of his nearly to terror.

‘Well?’ he said.

‘O, Frank – I made a mistake! – I thought that church with the spire was All Saints', and I was at the door at half-past eleven to a minute as you said. I waited till a quarter to twelve, and found then that I was in All Souls'. But I wasn't much frightened, for I thought it could be tomorrow as well.’

‘Shall it be tomorrow, Frank?’ she asked.

‘Tomorrow! I don't go through that experience again for some time.’

‘But after all,’ she expostulated in a trembling voice, ‘the mistake was not such a terrible thing! Now, dear Frank, when shall it be?’

‘Ah, when? God knows!’ he said, and turning from her walked rapidly away.

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Text B

Don't spoil your big day

Your wedding day should be the happiest day of your life but it can also be one of the most stressful and expensive days too. How can you make sure your wedding day is unforgettable for the right reasons?

Firstly, consider your budget carefully. Yes, a wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime experience but you don't want to be paying for it for the rest of your life. The most important thing is that it is the day when two people who love each other are joined together as one. That will happen whether you have a small party in your home town for your immediate family and close friends or if you get married on a Caribbean beach.

Secondly, the more special and unique your wedding day is, the more can go wrong. In your local town, you will probably know caterers, photographers and DJs who you can trust. All the people on your guest list will be able to afford to come. Things may go wrong but they won't be major disasters and will be the sort of things you can laugh at in the future. If you travel somewhere exotic, you may have delayed or cancelled flights, upset stomachs or extreme weather conditions that could completely ruin your big day. Special friends may not be there because of the cost or lack of time.

Whatever you decide, make sure it is a joint decision. Both sets of parents can be consulted for advice, especially if they are paying for it. However, it isn't their day and they shouldn't dictate to the bride and groom who is going to be invited or any other details.

Finally, your wedding is the first day of your married life. Whatever happens, try to enjoy it.