



# AROUND THE WORLD

## READING

### A magazine article interview

 1 Look at the photo of the people. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Where do you think they are from?
- 2 What do you think they are celebrating?
- 3 What is the woman at the front holding?

 5.09 2 Read the interview and check your answers to Exercise 1.

3 Read the interview again and answer the questions.

- 1 How long does a Hindu wedding last for?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What is a lehenga?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What colour is popular for Hindu weddings? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What accessories is Mishal wearing in the photo?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What is a sherwani?  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 Complete the table with adjectives ending in *-ful* from the interview. Check the meanings in a dictionary.

Noun	Adjective
1 wonder	wonderful
2 colour	_____
3 beauty	_____
4 power	_____



- Where do the 'blue people' live?
- What do the Sami make?
- Which colour is important for the Maasai?

## Special Days

Weddings are a wonderful time for families and friends to celebrate together and to wear special clothes. This week, Amrit is talking about his cousin's Hindu wedding in India and some of their traditions.



**Q: What are Hindu weddings like?**

**A:** They're incredible! There's a lot of amazing food, music and dancing. They're always very colourful events because everyone wears beautiful clothes. They last for three days.





### Q: What does the bride wear?

**A:** The bride usually wears a lehenga (a long skirt with a top) and a long scarf. Red is very popular at Hindu weddings. It's a powerful colour because in India it symbolises love and new life. In this photo, my cousin Mishal is wearing a red and gold lehenga. She's also wearing special wedding accessories: a gold necklace, earrings, rings on her fingers and toes, and lots of red and gold bracelets.

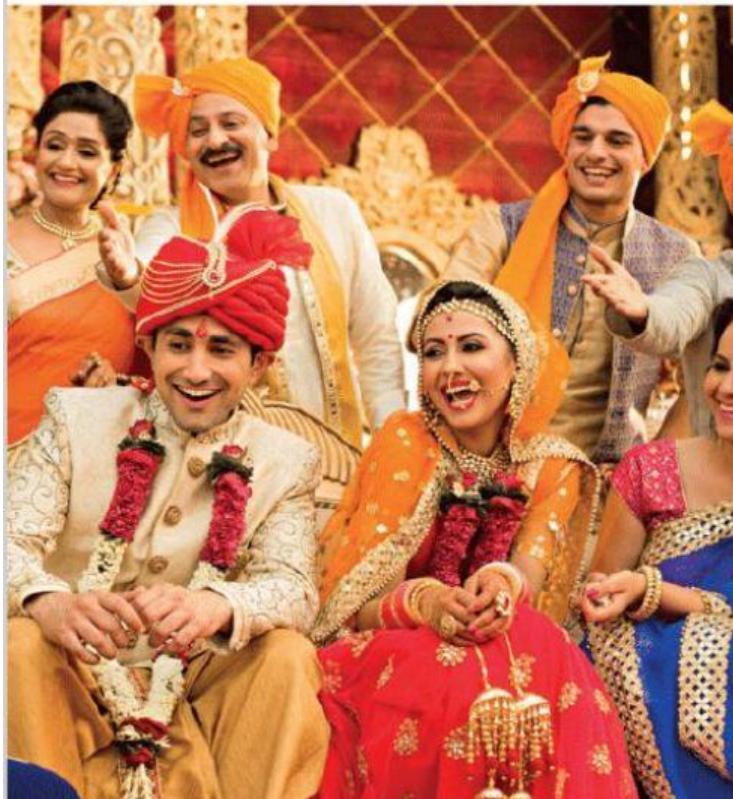
### Q: What does the groom wear?

**A:** The groom usually wears a sherwani (a long jacket with gold designs on it), a pair of trousers and special wedding shoes. My cousin's new husband, Ranjit, is also wearing a red turban.

### Q: Are there any other special wedding traditions?

**A:** There are lots, but my favourite is joota chupai – a member of the bride's family steals the groom's wedding shoes and hides them. It's great fun! In this photo, my aunt Jaz is holding Ranjit's shoes and everyone is laughing.

**People around the world celebrate special days like weddings and birthdays in different ways. How do you celebrate special days in your country?**



### Voice it!

#### 5 Answer the questions.

- 1 What do people wear to special celebrations in your country?
- 2 What is a typical wedding like in your country?
- 3 Are colours important in your country? Have they got special meanings?



### LEARN TO LEARN

#### Making connections (2)

When you read an article, try to make connections with your own life and experiences. This can help you to understand the article more easily.

#### 6 Think about a special celebration in your life and answer the questions.

- 1 Is there a part of this article that reminds you of that special celebration?
- 2 Who and what does it remind you of: people, food, clothes, traditions?

#### 7 Explain your connections to your partner.

Are your partner's connections the same or different?



### Explore it!

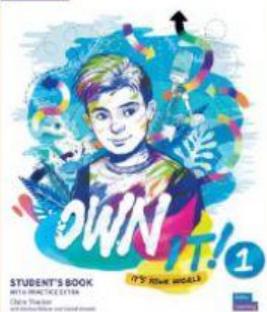
Guess the correct answer.

Hindu brides have special paint on their hands. What does the design include?

a their age    b their husband's name  
c their favourite food

Find out about other interesting Hindu wedding traditions. Choose your favourite tradition and write a question for your partner to answer.

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