

A A typical British wedding 🎧



When two people are planning to get married, they can **choose** to have a **religious ceremony** or a **civil ceremony**. On the **wedding** day, the **groom**¹ is helped by a **best man**² who brings the **rings** to the wedding ceremony. The **bride**³ may have one or more **bridesmaids**⁴. Afterwards, there is a **reception** for the **couple** and the wedding

guests⁵. It's **traditional** for the best man and the groom to **make speeches**, and then everyone **drinks a toast** to the **couple**, and **wishes** them a long and happy **marriage**. After the reception, they usually go on their **honeymoon**. On the same day every year after that, the couple **celebrate** their wedding **anniversary**.

1 Correct the spelling mistakes. Be careful: some words are correct.

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| ▶ mariage <u>marriage</u> | 7 weding _____ |
| 1 anniversary _____ | 8 honeymoon _____ |
| 2 I've choosen it _____ | 9 speach _____ |
| 3 tradicional _____ | 10 gest _____ |
| 4 civile _____ | 11 ceremonie _____ |
| 5 bridesmaid _____ | 12 recepcion _____ |
| 6 celebrate _____ | 13 religian _____ |

2 Circle the correct word.

- ▶ Jane and Mark's wedding/marriage is next Saturday.
- 1 Mark is the groom/best man.
 - 2 The bridesmaid/bride is Mark's sister.
 - 3 They have chosen/wished a religious ceremony.
 - 4 They've invited about sixty brides/guests to the wedding.
 - 5 The reception will be before/after the wedding ceremony.
 - 6 The rings will be brought to the ceremony by the couple/best man.
 - 7 Speeches are traditional at the reception/best man.
 - 8 When they're on their honeymoon, Jane and Mark will be bride and groom/husband and wife.

3 Complete the phrases using words from the box.

- ▶ groom ceremony a speech man a toast ceremony ✓
reception your honeymoon anniversary a happy marriage

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| ▶ wedding <u>Ceremony</u> | 5 bride and _____ |
| 1 go on _____ | 6 celebrate your _____ |
| 2 drink _____ | 7 a religious _____ |
| 3 wish someone _____ | 8 the best _____ |
| 4 make _____ | 9 a wedding _____ |

4 Complete the questions with a suitable word.

ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY

- 1 Can people to have a religious ceremony or a ceremony?
- 2 Does the groom have a man at the ceremony?
- 3 Does the bride have any with her?
- 4 In the ceremony, do the bride and groom put on wedding ?
- 5 Is there usually a after the ceremony?
- 6 How many are usually invited?
- 7 Is it for people to speeches?
- 8 Do people usually drink a to the bride and groom?
- 9 Do the traditionally go on their after the wedding?
- 10 Do people usually their wedding anniversary every year?

5 **ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY** Answer the questions in Exercise 4, or ask another student.

6  Test yourself. Look at the picture and cover the text. Can you remember the words for the people?