Marriage

Reading: *arranged* marriages

Mr and Mrs Singh's niece, Sonya, is getting married to a young man called Sandeep. Her parents arranged her marriage. Sonya writes to her friend Sue to tell her about her engagement.

❖ **Read the letter below.**

Dear Sue,

I've got some great news! I'm engaged and I'm getting married next year! My fiancé's name is Sandeep and he comes from Birmingham. It's an arranged marriage. My parents introduced me to Sandeep but my mum said that if we didn't like each other we didn't have to get married. Luckily, we liked each other at once.

He's very good-looking, with dark brown eyes and curly hair. We like the same music and we both like modern clothes. He's studying to be an architect. He works hard as he has to learn all about designing and planning buildings.

I know that arranged marriages are strange to English people, but in my culture a lot of young people have their marriages arranged by their parents and grandparents. I'm happy about it. My parents know me well and they were careful to choose a kind man for me.

I hope you can come to my wedding. We're sending out the invitations next month, so look out for the postman!

Lots of love,

Sonya

Adjectives are **describing words**. They tell us more about nouns, e.g. ***brown*** *eyes*.

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Here are some examples of **adjectives** from the letter: **good-looking**, **dark brown** eyes, **curly** hair, **modern** clothes, **kind** man.

Language: the order of adjectives

Sometimes we use more than one adjective to describe things. There are two adjectives in this sentence. They tell us that the man's suit is **new** and **blue**. *He is wearing a **new blue** suit.*

Look how **many** adjectives there are in each of these phrases.

a) beautiful silk **sari** 2

b) red cotton **jacket** 2

c) new yellow linen **suit** 3

d) horrible big old black metal **box**

- Look at the phrases again. Type the adjectives under the right heading. Look at the examples.

opinion	size	age	colour	material	noun
beautiful				silk	sari
					jacket
					suit
					box

Describe what you are wearing today. Type a sentence about what you are wearing. Make sure you put the adjectives in the right order and use the present continuous tense.

For example: ***I am wearing a beautiful blue cotton dress.***

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