

Before Reading:

1) Look at all the pictures on the worksheet. What do they symbolize?

- a) Wedding Customs in Morocco b) Wedding Customs across Cultures
c) The Importance of Hospitality in Weddings



2) Which of these customs are NOT part of wedding ceremonies in Morocco?



The groom or the bride slice a cake.



The groom and the bride offer rings to each other.



The bride and the groom wear traditional outfits



The brother of the groom drinks water from the bride's shoe.

3) Which of the following ceremonies are usually part of weddings in Morocco?

- Offering rings Wearing white dresses Dancing Slicing a cake
Travelling to another city.

4) Mention other ceremonies you know and tell in which country in the world they are prevalent:

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Reading:

A wedding is a ceremony where two people are united in marriage. Wedding traditions and customs are different in every culture. In most weddings, people dance and **offer** gifts to each other. Usually, the **groom** and the **bride** wear clothes special for the occasion. Music, poetry, prayers or readings from religious texts are also common in such a celebration.

Some people have adopted the traditional Western custom of wearing a white dress. The bride wears a white wedding dress and veil. This custom was introduced by Queen Victoria. The white dress is symbolic for purity.

In many cultures, **hospitality** is also important in wedding celebrations. Guests are usually offered food and drinks. The guests gather around tables to talk and share the food.

Wedding rings also are common in many countries. The groom and the bride offer rings to each other during the celebration. The origin of this custom is unknown. Some believe that it was introduced by the ancient Romans.

Wedding ceremonies change. But some customs remain unchanged for a long period of time. Some of them are wearing white dresses, wearing rings and, of course, slicing a huge cake.

2) Choose the true statement(s):

- a) Wedding celebrations are the same in all cultures.
- b) The custom of ring offering was introduced by the queen Victoria.
- c) The custom of wearing a white dress was introduced by the ancient Romans.
- d) Hospitality in wedding celebrations is important in many cultures.

3) What do the underlined pronouns from the text refer to?(match with an arrow)

- It (line 11)
- a) The custom of offering rings
 - b) The celebration
 - c) The origin

- Them (last line)
- a) Ceremonies
 - b) Wedding
 - c) Some customs

4) What is the objective of the writer?

- a) To argue that wedding celebrations are totally different in every culture.
- b) To argue that wedding celebrations are different from a culture to another but sometimes have things in common.

5) What do the following words from the text mean?

- Offer** (line 2)
- a) take
 - b) give
 - c) eat

- Unknown** (line 11)
- a) no one knows it
 - b) everyone knows it

6) Which of these sentences is in the passive voice?

- a) "Guests are usually offered food and drinks".
- b) "The bride wears a white wedding dress and veil".

7) Match the words with their meanings:

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| Bride | To offer food, drinks to someone and make sure they are comfortable in your house |
| Groom | A woman who is celebrating her marriage |
| Hospitality | A man who is celebrating his marriage |



Japan



Africa



Indonesia



China

Listening:

Listen to the story and answer the questions:

Why is the man calling the inspector stone?

- a) His brother is getting married and they lost the ring.
- b) His brother is getting married but the bride went missing.

The best man is....

- a) The man who helps the groom organize the wedding, usually a friend or a brother.
- b) The groom's best friend.

The bridesmaid is.....

- a) A woman who looks after the bride during her wedding, usually a friend or a relative.
- b) A woman who looks after the groom during his wedding, usually a friend or a relative.

The groom's mother in law thinks.....

- a) The groom is good enough for her daughter.
- b) The groom is not good enough for her daughter.

The bride's mother wants her daughter to marry....

- a) The best man.
- b) The bridesmaid.

Leave no stone unturned means.....

- a) to look for something very carefully.
- b) to look for something lazily.