

# UNIT 4 SPECIAL OCCASIONS

## 1. Complete the sentences with the missing words.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the place where the wedding happens.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is somebody you invite to the wedding.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a woman on the day of her wedding.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a man on the day of his wedding.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the part of the wedding when the man and woman get married.

## 2. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (do) ballet 3 times a week
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) this amazing book at the moment!
3. I really \_\_\_\_\_ (want) an ice-cream. It's so hot today.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for their Dad to take them to school.
5. Glyn \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the theatre every week.
6. Slow down! You \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) too fast!
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to hospital again tonight.
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to go dancing tonight to relax!
9. It's seven o'clock and they \_\_\_\_\_ to school now. (go)
10. Mrs Cooper \_\_\_\_\_ in the restaurant every Sunday. (eat)

## 3. Write the description of the family. Describe their clothes (What are they wearing?) and their appearance (hair, height etc) . Write at least 10 sentences.



#### 4. Read the text.

## Unusual Wedding customs

A wedding is a very important ceremony in every person's life. However, there are some wedding traditions around the world might shock you! There are many different rituals that are followed that might make people become quite surprised.

### China-Practicing Crying

Many people might find it strange but it actually happens in China. Before a Chinese wedding, the bride has to practice for an hour to cry properly at the wedding. This is done daily for a period of over one month so the bride can cry perfectly at the wedding. The mother of the bride has to join her in the crying, this they believe will bring happiness and a long lasting marriage.

### Human Carpet in French Polynesia

Well, who doesn't want to walk on the red carpet on the night of their wedding?

But you'll find the ritual of the human carpet to be very different in French Polynesia. After the end of the wedding, the close relative of the bride and groom all lie down on the floor with their facedown and forms a human carpet for the newlyweds to walk over. It can be placed as one of the weirder wedding traditions in the world. This they believe will give the marriage a solid and firm bond.

### Germany-Breaking Porcelain

In a German wedding, there is a ritual named Polterabend. On the night before the wedding, the relatives of the bride and the groom gifts the future couple some porcelain made utensils which later they break. The broken utensils are believed to bring in the life of the future couple. It is certainly one of the most unique wedding traditions that are practiced in the world.

#### 5. Answer the questions.

1. What happens in Germany the night before the wedding?
2. Why does the mother of the bride cry with her daughter?
3. What is the belief of the human carpet based on?
4. Why do you think it is one of the strangest wedding traditions?