

# Unit 9



## family & marriage

### EXERCISE 1

 If you fill in an official form, such as a census, you may be asked to categorise your marital status into one of the following groups:

- single
- divorced
- separated
- married
- widowed
- engaged

*Make sure you know what all these words mean.*

### EXERCISE 2

*Match the males with the females in the following categories:*

1 mother-in-law

2 spinster

3 widow

4 fiancée

5 ex-wife

☐ fiancé

☐ widower

☐ father-in-law

☐ ex-husband

☐ bachelor

### EXERCISE 3

*Now complete these sentences to define the words given below:*

spinster   widower   engaged   ex-wife   fiancé

1 A man whose wife has died is a \_\_\_\_\_.

2 A woman who has never married is a \_\_\_\_\_.

3 A man who is engaged to be married is somebody's \_\_\_\_\_.

4 A woman who has divorced her husband becomes his \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Before they get married, a couple usually get \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXERCISE 4****Marriage**

Fill the gaps in the text with the following words:

weds married marriage wedding

Tom and Laura's \_\_\_\_\_ took place on a beautiful day in June. The priest who \_\_\_\_\_ them was an old friend of the family and made them feel very relaxed. After the ceremony, they all went to sign the \_\_\_\_\_ certificate and the newly-\_\_\_\_\_ joined their family and friends for the reception.

**EXERCISE 5**

 Do you know the difference between the terms 'marriage' and 'wedding'?  
**marriage** - the legal union of husband and wife  
**wedding** - the ceremony and all the festivities connected with marriage

Fill the gaps to complete the following sentences. Use *marriage* or *wedding*:

- 1 Do you believe in \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2 I've been invited to Paul and Sarah's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 Their \_\_\_\_\_ lasted 22 years.
- 4 I went to their \_\_\_\_\_ but the rest of the family didn't approve of their \_\_\_\_\_ .

**EXERCISE 6**

Below is a text describing a typical English wedding. Rearrange the letters given in bold type to complete the paragraph. Then put them in the table on the next page:

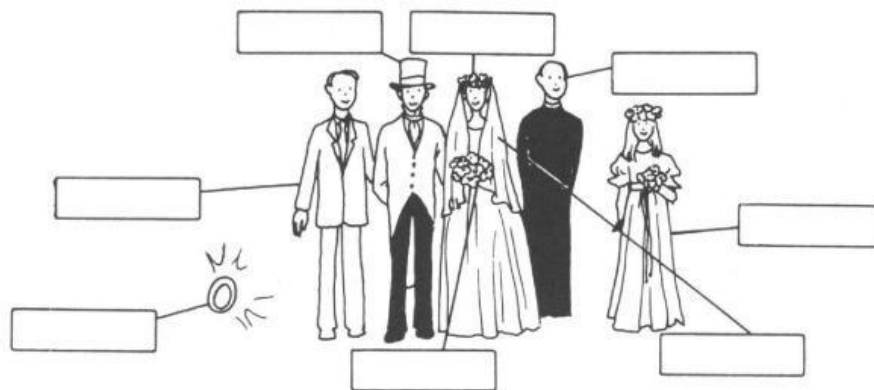
A wedding in England is a very special occasion which requires months of preparation. Traditionally, the **① RBEDI** wears a long white dress and **② ELVI** ; the **③ OGROM** wears a suit and all the guests dress up smartly. The bride may be attended by **④ DIABREMISDS** and/or pageboys while the **⑤ ETSB NAM** stands beside the groom.

Special religious songs called **⑥ YHSMN** are sung in church and after the **⑦ MERCENYO** is over, the newly-weds leave the church together and their friends and relatives throw **⑧ NOFITCET** over them. Later, everyone enjoys themselves at the reception, where they eat a wedding breakfast and toast the **⑨ UPOLCE** before they leave for their **⑩ NYONOEHMO** .

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| 2 |  | 7  |  |
| 3 |  | 8  |  |
| 4 |  | 9  |  |
| 5 |  | 10 |  |

Look at the sketch below and label the following:

bride groom bouquet veil ring best man bridesmaid priest



## EXERCISE 7

Here are some verb phrases connected with family, marriage and relationships:

going out with am close to keep in touch with left on the shelf

Use them to fill the gaps in the following sentences:

- 1 My sister's been \_\_\_\_\_ her boyfriend for over two years but I don't think they'll get married.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ my parents even though I don't live at home any more.
- 3 I still \_\_\_\_\_ my French penfriend and I hope one day she'll come and visit me.
- 4 She's thirty-five, still single and starting to feel as though she's been \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXERCISE 8****Affixes**

Choose from the prefixes below to complete the following sentences:

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| un- | ex- | re- | be- |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

- I'll \_\_\_\_\_ name my children after I get divorced.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ -husband's family don't speak to me any more.
- She became another \_\_\_\_\_ married mother living in the city.
- He's been very \_\_\_\_\_ happy since the divorce.
- I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ friend her but she preferred to be on her own.

**EXERCISE 9**

Check your understanding of the vocabulary in this unit by answering the following questions:

- What is your present marital status? \_\_\_\_\_.
- A man who has never been married is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is often thrown at the couple during the wedding.
- The bride throws her \_\_\_\_\_ of flowers over her shoulder after the wedding.
- People who are members of the same family are called relations or \_\_\_\_\_.