

8 Marriage

1 Basic vocabulary

Translate the following words into your language:

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| 1. engaged | | 5. wife | |
| 2. wedding | | 6. husband | |
| 3. married | | 7. divorce | |
| 4. marriage | | 8. divorced | |

2 Getting engaged

Use the correct form of these words and expressions:

get engaged	propose to	set a date
arrange	ask	

- I've got some news. I'm really excited. Mark me to marry him last night. I said yes!
- I remember the day my husband me. We were on holiday in Greece. It was very romantic.
- Have you heard? Martin and Lisa have just They're planning to get married next year.
> Really? That's fantastic. Have they ?
- In some countries parents their children's marriages. They look for a suitable partner for their son or daughter to marry.

The man you are engaged to is your fiancé. The woman you are engaged to is your fiancée. Nowadays these words are less common.

3 Before the wedding

Julie and Dave are getting married next month. Match the beginnings of the phrases on the left with the endings on the right:

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| 1. Julie has sent out | a. her wedding dress. |
| 2. Dave has asked | b. a stag night on the Friday before the wedding. |
| 3. They've booked | c. a wedding list. |
| 4. Julie has bought | d. a hen night on the Friday before the wedding. |
| 5. They've bought each other | e. invitations to all the wedding guests. |
| 6. They've made | f. wedding rings. |
| 7. Julie's going to have | g. the hotel for the reception. |
| 8. Dave's going to have | h. his brother to be best man. |

A wedding list is a list of the wedding presents you want, usually from one big department store.

4 People at the wedding

Use these words to describe the picture:

bride	groom	best man
clergyman	guests	bridesmaids

The two people getting married are the and the They are being married by the The two little girls are the The man standing on the groom's right is his The wedding are watching the ceremony.



5 The vows

Here are the marriage vows a man says in Britain. Complete them using these words:

health	death	worse	poorer
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I (*John Smith*) take thee (*Jane Brown*) to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for (1), for richer, for (2), in sickness and in (3), to love and to cherish, till (4) us do part.