

## British Royal Wedding 2011

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**Category: Royal Wedding / Prince William / Kate Middleton**

**Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate**

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## EXERCISES

**1. British Royal Wedding 2011:** Think of three things you know about the British Royal Wedding 2011. Go round the room swapping details with others.

**2. Dictation:** The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

**3. Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

**4. Vocabulary:** Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

**5. The article:** Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?

**6. Let's think!** In pairs think of five things you know about Prince William. Then add five things about his bride Kate Middleton. Write them below. Discuss together.

Prince William	Kate Middleton
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

**7. Let's think!** You have got an invitation to the wedding at Westminster Abbey! Think of five things you might need to do before you go. Then think of five things you might see during the wedding ceremony. Finally, add five things you might see after the wedding in the Mall. Write them below. Discuss together.

Preparation for big day	In Westminster Abbey	In the Mall
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

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8. **Let's think!** In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with the '**Royal Wedding**'. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

9. **Let's roleplay: Radio London:** In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio London* studio in London. Today's interview is about the *British Royal Wedding 2011*.

1	A hotel manager in London	3	A tourist
2	A taxi driver	4	A souvenir seller in the Mall

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

10. **Let's roleplay 2: Radio London:** In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio London* studio in London. Today's interview is about the *British Royal Wedding 2011*.

1	Prince William	2	Kate Middleton
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11. **Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

**Student A**

- 1) What date is the royal wedding?
- 2) Who is getting married?
- 3) Where is the wedding taking place?
- 4) Who will be watching the wedding?
- 5) What is happening in New York?

**Student B**

- 1) Name the British Prime Minister.
- 2) What has the Prime minister given the nation?
- 3) Who will have a field day?
- 4) Who is Uncle Tom Cobly?
- 5) Who will make a killing?

12. **Let's think!** Think of three royal souvenirs then add three things you might see in London on the big day. Write them below. Discuss together with your partner.

Royal souvenirs	What you might see in London on the day
1	1
2	2
3	3

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

13. **Let's write an e-mail:** Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: *The British Royal Wedding 2011*. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

14. **Sentence starters:** Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) Prince William \_\_\_\_\_
- b) The bride \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSSION

### Student A questions

- 1) Do the British royals approve of the match?
- 2) What will the wedding dress look like?
- 3) Is Kate sure she wants to go through with this?
- 4) Who will little brother Harry bring along as a guest?
- 5) What time will the wedding be on TV?
- 6) Why did the royal couple choose April 29<sup>th</sup> as their wedding day?
- 7) Do you know anyone from your country who is going to London to see the royal wedding?
- 8) What will you be doing on the big day?
- 9) Will you be going to any royal wedding celebration parties?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

### Student B questions

- 1) Where will the royal couple go on their honeymoon?
- 2) What do you think Kate will dread about becoming one of the royal family?
- 3) Have you got an invitation to the wedding?
- 4) Will you be going to London to see the royal wedding?
- 5) Will you be buying a new hat for the royal wedding?
- 6) What is the fascination about the royal wedding?
- 7) One in three people in the UK will be watching the royal wedding on TV. Will you?
- 8) What do we know about the ring?
- 9) What royal title could Kate have?
- 10) Why was the engagement announced on Twitter?

## SPEAKING

Let's discuss! The British Royal Wedding 2011

*Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1*

<b>20 things about the royal wedding</b>
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The teacher can moderate the session.

## GAP FILL: READING:

*Put the words into the gaps in the text.*

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*aisle*

*couple*

*eager*

*ceremony*

*carriage*

*royal*

*bride*

*wedding*

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*nerves*

*event*

*mug*

*influx*

*celebrations*

*campers*

*souvenir*

*bunting*

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

*Listen and fill in the spaces.*

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## GRAMMAR

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## SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	carriage	11	grandmother
2	ceremony	12	showers
3	decade	13	spectators
4	everyone	14	memorial
5	glimpse	15	families
6	occasion	16	wedding
7	probably	17	celebrations
8	souvenir	18	thousands
9	afterwards	19	certainly
10	influx	20	rapidly

### LINKS

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/search.html?searchPhrase=royal+wedding+2011>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/royal-wedding/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11767495>  
<http://edition.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2011/royal.wedding/>  
<http://news.sky.com/skynews/Royal-Wedding>

### ANSWERS

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