

UNIT 66

Marriage



I. Express Yourself

Why do people get married?

Common reasons to get married:

- age (getting old)
- money
- to have children
- to give in to parents' wish
- to be happy
- being in love
- for convenience
- pregnancy
- to be free from parents
- to feel like an adult



II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

aisle

a. a man who is about to get married or has just been married

bride

b. a religious leader and teacher in the Jewish religion

groom

c. a long, narrow space between rows of seats in a church, theater, aircraft

synagogue

d. a Jewish house of worship

rabbi

e. a woman who is about to get married or has just been married

III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

Mr. Komori: Steve, I have a question about marriage in America. What kind of wedding ceremony do you have?

Steve: Since I'm Jewish we have the religious service in a *synagogue* led by a *rabbi* and then we have a celebration right after.

Mr. Komori: *Is it a big affair?*

Steve: Yes, most weddings are over 100 people and sometimes as large as 300. During the ceremony the *groom* chooses one male as his "best man" and the *bride* selects her closest friends to be "bridesmaids." They walk down the *aisle* as part of the ceremony.

Mr. Komori: Are there any special customs you follow?

Steve: In America the bride always wears a white wedding dress and the custom is the groom cannot see the bride in her dress before the wedding, only at the ceremony.

Mr. Komori: *I've heard about that.*

Steve: At Jewish weddings there's a special dance called the Hora. You lift the bride and groom as well as the close family members up in chairs and everyone dances around them in a circle.

Mr. Komori: That sounds fun. What about gifts?

Steve: Many couples make a list of items they need and register it at a large department store. Guests can call or visit the store and buy them gifts that they registered for. At Jewish weddings most people give cash gifts to the couple.

Mr. Komori: That makes sense. *Cash is always useful.* Japan is the same.



Key Points

<u><i>Is it a big affair?</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is it a big party? - Is it a big event? - Is it a big occasion?
<u><i>I've heard about that.</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone told me that. - I've heard that somewhere. - I remember hearing that.
<u><i>Cash is always useful.</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash is helpful. - Cash is an acceptable gift. - Cash is appreciated. - Cash is welcome.

IV. Role-play

Talk to your co-worker about your plan to get married in December.



Part 2

I. Introduction



II. Discussion

 Exercise A

Wedding Vows

“I, _____, take you, _____, for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold from this way forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.”

“I, _____, take you, _____, to be my husband/wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love and honor you all the days of my life.”

 Exercise B

What do you think about...?



same sex marriage
young marrying old
arranged marriage
living together before marriage
domestic violence in marriage
cheating spouse
high divorce rates

 Exercise C

Role-play

You and your boyfriend/girlfriend are getting married in December.

You want to invite 300 people, book a 5-star hotel for the venue and spend your honeymoon at the most secluded and expensive resort in Hawaii.

This is the most important day of your life, so you want it to be perfect!

