

Woman had to go on honeymoon without husband

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A woman had to go on her honeymoon alone because her husband could not get a visa for the trip. Newlyweds Huma Mobin and Arsalaan Sever, a young Pakistani couple, got married earlier this year. They paid for a romantic 10-day trip to Greece for their

second honeymoon. They had already been to the Maldives for their first honeymoon. The couple received shocking news when the Greek embassy in Pakistan gave Huma a visa to travel to Greece, but did not issue one for her husband. They both decided that because the trip was already paid for, Huma should go to Greece alone, without her husband. A few weeks later, Huma's in-laws (Arsalaan's parents) decided to go with her.

The photos of Huma on her solo honeymoon have gone viral on the Internet. She took photos in every location she visited. In each picture, she stretched her arm out around her missing husband and posed with a sad face to show how much she missed him. Huma said it was difficult to travel knowing her husband was in Pakistan. She said: "He's the life of the party; my better half. I wouldn't have gone without him but he forced me to." She added: "The first night I cried my eyes out on my mother-in-law's shoulder, who really comforted me and told me to make the best of it." Huma is now back with Arsalaan in Pakistan. They are hoping they will be able to go away together to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

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Writing

A honeymoon by the beach is better than a honeymoon in the mountains. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

honeymoon / visa / trip / married / romantic / shocking news / embassy / in-laws / photos / viral / photos / location / travel / cried / shoulder / comforted / celebrate

True / False

- A newlywed's husband could not get a visa for his honeymoon. T / F
- The newlyweds got married three days ago. T / F
- The couple already went on one honeymoon together. T / F
- The bride's mother- and father-in-law went on honeymoon with her. T / F
- Photos of the bride's solo honeymoon spread quickly on the Internet. T / F
- The bride always smiled in the photos to make her husband happy. T / F
- The bride said she was the better half of the marriage. T / F
- The couple will not go anywhere for their first wedding anniversary. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. trip | a. soothed |
| 2. couple | b. got |
| 3. received | c. previously |
| 4. issue | d. holiday |
| 5. already | e. unhappy |
| 6. location | f. supply |
| 7. stretched | g. expecting |
| 8. sad | h. husband and wife |
| 9. comforted | i. extended |
| 10. hoping | j. place |

Discussion – Student A

- What makes things go viral on the Internet?
- What is the best pose for a honeymoon photo?
- Is it better to travel alone or with someone else?
- Who do you know who is the life of the party?
- Whose shoulder do you cry on when you are sad?
- Where should Huma and Arsalaan celebrate their wedding anniversary?
- Why is a honeymoon called a honeymoon?
- What questions would you like to ask Huma and Arsalaan?

Phrase Match

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| 1. her husband could not get a | a. mother-in-law's shoulder |
| 2. a romantic | b. paid for |
| 3. the Greek | c. viral on the Internet |
| 4. the trip was already | d. visa for the trip |
| 5. Huma's in-laws | e. with a sad face |
| 6. gone | f. embassy in Pakistan |
| 7. she stretched her | g. anniversary |
| 8. posed | h. arm out |
| 9. I cried my eyes out on my | i. (Arsalaan's parents) |
| 10. celebrate their first wedding | j. 10-day trip to Greece |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think about visas?
- Why do you think Huma got a visa but Arsalaan didn't?
- What would a honeymoon without your partner be like?
- How romantic is Greece?
- Where is the best place to go on honeymoon?
- What advice do you have for Huma and Arsalaan?
- What would it be like to go on honeymoon with your in-laws?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. h	3. b	4. f	5. c
6. j	7. i	8. e	9. a	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Travel

You think travelling is the best thing to do alone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people shouldn't do their things alone. Also, tell the others which of these is the worst thing to do alone (and why): working, going to the cinema or studying English.

Role B – Work

You think working is the best thing to do alone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people shouldn't do their things alone. Also, tell the others which of these is the worst thing to do alone (and why): travelling, going to the cinema or studying English.

Role C – Go to the cinema

You think going to the cinema is the best thing to do alone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people shouldn't do their things alone. Also, tell the others which of these is the worst thing to do alone (and why): working, travelling or studying English.

Role D – Study English

You think studying English is the best thing to do alone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people shouldn't do their things alone. Also, tell the others which of these is the worst thing to do alone (and why): working, going to the cinema or travelling.

Speaking – Alone

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do alone at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • eat in a restaurant | • travel |
| • go to the cinema | • play games |
| • gardening | • work |
| • study English | • go hiking |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.