

Pope's funeral delays Prince Charles' wedding (Tue 5 Apr, 2005)

WARM-UPS

CHAT: Talk in pairs or groups about Prince Charles / wedding days / Camilla / Ikea / commemorative coins / souvenirs / Princess of Wales. Change topics and partners every few minutes.

PRINCE CHARLES BRAINSTORM: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with Prince Charles. Share your words with your partner / group and talk about them.

ROYAL WEDDINGS: In pairs / groups, talk about royal weddings. Are you interested in Prince Charles' wedding or other British royal weddings? How about important weddings in your own country? Would you like to attend a royal wedding? Talk about which weddings would be / would have been good from this list:

- a. Charles and Camilla
- b. Japan's Princess Masako marrying Yasuyuki Kitano
- c. King Mswati III of Swaziland marrying wife number thirteen
- d. Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik marrying Australian Mary Donaldson
- e. Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Crown Prince of Brunei, marrying Paduka Seri

CHARLES' WEDDING OPINIONS: Look at this list of opinions about Prince Charles' wedding. Tell your partner/group what you think of each opinion:

- a. I think it's wonderful Charles is marrying again.
- b. Camilla should never become Princess of Wales. Only Princess Diana deserves that title.
- c. I want to know why the British Queen is staying away from her own son's wedding.
- d. Another boring British royal wedding. Who cares?
- e. I think Charles did the right thing in postponing his wedding for the Pope's funeral.
- f. I'd rather open an Ikea store in Japan than attend Charles and Camilla's wedding.
- g. I feel sorry for the poor souvenir sellers who have lots of April 8 souvenirs.
- h. This wedding is the latest in a long line of foolish things Prince Charles has done.
- i. True love is true love. Charles and Camilla will live happily ever after.
- j. I can't believe someone would buy a stupid royal wedding coin for nearly \$900.

PRE-READING IDEAS

WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionaries / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... of the words 'happy' and 'day'.

TRUE FALSE: Guess whether the following statements about the article are true or false:

- a. Prince Charles has postponed his wedding by a week. T / F
- b. Prince Charles and his fiancée Camilla will attend the Pope's funeral. T / F
- c. The British Queen will not attend Prince Charles' wedding. T / F
- d. A Swedish Princess will open an Ikea store in Japan instead of attending Charles' wedding. T / F
- e. The wedding delay has created additional problems. T / F
- f. Tens of thousands of royal coins have been issued with the date of February 8. T / F
- g. Many souvenir sellers in Britain suffer from bad headaches. T / F
- h. Britain's Government announced that Camilla will become Princess of Wales. T / F

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

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| (a) postponed | opted |
| (b) representative | problem |
| (c) fiancée | souvenirs |
| (d) arrangements | extra |
| (e) decided | proxy |
| (f) commemorative | schedule |
| (g) additional | celebratory |
| (h) headache | put back |
| (i) memorabilia | development |
| (j) twist | wife-to-be |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| (a) postponed his wedding | guests |
| (b) attend | twist |
| (c) largely | coins |
| (d) invited | thousands |
| (e) created additional | the same |
| (f) commemorative | just in time |
| (g) tens of | by a day |
| (h) news of the delay came | up |
| (i) stocked | problems |
| (j) an added | the Pope's funeral |

GAP FILL

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majority
attend
largely
neither
postponed

The wedding delay has _____ additional problems. Gold and silver commemorative coins, some of which will sell for \$890, have to be changed to the new date of April 9. Luckily, tens of thousands of the coins were to have been issued today with the _____ date of April 8, so news of the delay came _____ in time. However, the delay is a headache for souvenir sellers who have already _____ up on memorabilia with the original wedding date. An added twist came yesterday when the British Government announced that Camilla would become Princess of Wales, the _____ once held by Princess Diana.

original
created
stocked
title
just

HOMEWORK

- 1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- 2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find information on IKEA. Share your findings with your class next lesson.
- 3. ROYALS:** Make a poster about the different royal families around the world. Show your poster to your classmates in your next class.
- 4. ROYAL NEWS:** Imagine you are a journalist at Prince Charles' wedding. Write a short article for your local newspaper describing the wedding.

DISCUSSION:

- a. What was interesting in this article?
- b. Were you surprised by anything in this article?
- c. What do you think of Prince Charles?
- d. Do you think he is a good symbol of Britishness?
- e. Would you prefer to see Charles or his son William become king?
- f. Are you interested in royalty?
- g. What do you know about Charles' wife-to-be Camilla?
- h. Should Camilla go to the Pope's funeral with her husband-to-be?
- i. Why do you think the British Queen is staying away from Charles' wedding?
- j. Would you rather open an Ikea store in Japan than attend Charles and Camilla's wedding?
- k. Do you like weddings?
- l. Do you agree with the idea of having a royal family?
- m. Would you like a near-\$900 gold coin commemorating Prince Charles' wedding?
- n. Should Camilla become Princess of Wales?
- o. What did / do you think of Princess Diana?
- p. Did you like this discussion?
- q. Teacher / Student additional questions.

TEXT

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