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Level 4 – 11th February, 2020

Mass wedding goes ahead in Korea despite coronavirus

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding-4.html>

Six thousand couples did not stop the coronavirus from celebrating their happy day. The brides and grooms from sixty countries got married in South Korea on Friday, despite the health scare from the coronavirus. There were 24,000 guests at the wedding. Some of them were renewing their marriage vows. The church was prepared for the mass wedding. Staff handed out sanitizer and surgical masks. They also checked the temperature of the couples.

The Unification Church is famous for its mass weddings, which started in 1961. Hundreds of thousands of couples have walked down the aisle. Some couples met for the first time at the ceremony. A newlywed spoke about tying the knot amid the spread of the coronavirus. He said: "Since coronavirus is going around...I wore a mask to be on the safe side." A 23-year-old bride didn't wear a mask because she wanted to be beautiful for her husband.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/20211-mass-wedding-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. celebrating their | a. out sanitizer |
| 2. despite the health | b. vows |
| 3. There were 24,000 guests | c. of the couples |
| 4. renewing their marriage | d. at the wedding |
| 5. The church was prepared for the wedding | e. scare |
| 6. Staff handed | f. masks |
| 7. surgical | g. happy day |
| 8. They also checked the temperature | h. mass |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. famous for its mass | a. wear a mask |
| 2. couples have walked down | b. weddings |
| 3. tying the | c. for her husband |
| 4. amid the spread | d. going around |
| 5. Since coronavirus is | e. the aisle |
| 6. I wore a mask to be on | f. of the coronavirus |
| 7. A 23-year-old bride didn't | g. the safe side |
| 8. she wanted to be beautiful | h. knot |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Six thousand (1) _____ stop the coronavirus from celebrating their happy day. The (2) _____ from sixty countries got married in South Korea on Friday, (3) _____ scare from the coronavirus. There were 24,000 guests at the wedding. Some of them were renewing (4) _____. The church was prepared for the mass wedding. Staff (5) _____ and surgical masks. They also (6) _____ of the couples.

The Unification Church is famous for (7) _____, which started in 1961. Hundreds of (8) _____ have walked down the aisle. Some (9) _____ the first time at the ceremony. A newlywed spoke about (10) _____ amid the spread of the coronavirus. He said: "Since coronavirus is going around...I (11) _____ to be on (12) _____." A 23-year-old bride didn't wear a mask because she wanted to be beautiful for her husband.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEDDINGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about weddings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

