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Level 5 – 11th February, 2019

Mass wedding goes ahead in Korea despite coronavirus

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding-5.html>

Six thousand couples did not let the coronavirus deter them from celebrating their happy day. The brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea on Friday, despite the health scare from the coronavirus. The couples came from sixty countries around the world to attend. There were 24,000 guests at the wedding; some renewing their marriage vows and others watching loved ones tie the knot. The church was prepared for the large-scale event. Staff handed out sanitizer and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the temperature of the couples.

The Unification Church is famous for its mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 and the weddings started in 1961. Hundreds of thousands of couples have walked down the aisle. Some couples were matched and met for the first time at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying amid the spread of the coronavirus. He said: "I'm very happy to attend this deeply blessed joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe side." A 23-year-old bride said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be beautiful for my husband."

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2022/202211-mass-wedding-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. celebrating their | a. out sanitizer |
| 2. despite the health | b. vows |
| 3. marriage | c. of the couples |
| 4. watching loved ones tie | d. happy day |
| 5. The church was prepared for the | e. masks |
| 6. Staff handed | f. scare |
| 7. surgical | g. large-scale event |
| 8. checked the temperature | h. the knot |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. famous for its | a. at the ceremony |
| 2. couples have walked | b. of the coronavirus |
| 3. met for the first time | c. for my husband |
| 4. amid the spread | d. safe side |
| 5. deeply | e. on a mask |
| 6. I wore a mask to be on the | f. blessed |
| 7. I didn't put | g. mass weddings |
| 8. I wanted to be beautiful | h. down the aisle |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2022/202211-mass-wedding-5.html>

Six thousand couples (1) _____ the coronavirus deter them from celebrating (2) _____. The brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea on Friday, (3) _____ scare from the coronavirus. The couples came from sixty countries around the world to attend. There were 24,000 guests at the wedding; some renewing their (4) _____ others watching loved ones (5) _____. The church was prepared for the large-scale event. Staff (6) _____ and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the temperature of the couples.

The Unification Church (7) _____ its mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 and the weddings started in 1961. Hundreds of thousands of couples have walked (8) _____. Some couples were matched and met for (9) _____ at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying (10) _____ of the coronavirus. He said: "I'm very happy to attend (11) _____ joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on (12) _____." A 23-year-old bride said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be beautiful for my husband."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEDDINGS SURVEY

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

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) _____

