



Relationship and weddings

Lesson plan – Pre-Intermediate / Intermediate



WARM-UP

Discuss:

- ❖ What do you know about the married couple on the picture?
- ❖ What kind of relationship do people in the royal family have? Is it the same or different from ordinary peoples' relationship? Give reasons.
- ❖ Do celebrities or the royals have more divorces than ordinary people? Explain your opinion.



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VOCABULARY

1. Match the expressions about the relationship in bold with their definitions.

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| <p>1. Are you thinking about breaking up with him?</p> <p>2. If you really like that girl you should ask her out.</p> <p>3. Are you going out with anyone at the moment?</p> <p>4. He's so well matched with her, perfect couple!</p> <p>5. Stop trying to chat me up, it won't work!</p> <p>6. I can't believe that! They got back together again.</p> <p>7. David's been cheating on his wife with another woman.</p> <p>8. He fell for her the moment he first saw her.</p> <p>9. Have you heard about our colleague? He finally settled down with that girl from IT department.</p> | <p>a) be unfaithful with a partner</p> <p>b) fall in love with somebody</p> <p>c) ask someone for a date</p> <p>d) finish the relationship</p> <p>e) give up single life and start a family</p> <p>f) flirt with somebody in order to seduce them</p> <p>g) be in a relationship with someone</p> <p>h) start a relationship with ex-partner</p> <p>i) to be similar to</p> |
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2. Put the stages of the relationship in logical order:

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.

3. Discuss the questions:

1. What kind of things do people talk about when they start going out?
2. What is necessary for being well matched partners?
3. In your opinion, who should start chatting up first, man or woman? Why?
4. At what age is it typical in your country to settle down?
5. What are the common reasons to break up with a partner?

4. Put these pairs of love relationships in appropriate column.

golden wedding	bride and groom	married couple	just married
fiancé and fiancée	boyfriend and girlfriend	silver wedding	

Before the wedding

During the wedding

After the wedding

5. How do you think the relationships between people change at each of these stages?



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READING and SPEAKING

1. What wedding traditions exist in your country? What do you know about wedding traditions in other countries?

2. Look at the wedding traditions round the world below. How do you think, what they might mean? Then read the text to find out.



Congo: Don't smile!

Germany: Clean it up!

China: Shoot her up!

Cuba: Pin the money!

Mauritius: Feed her up!

India: Forget Jewelry!



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Congolese brides and grooms must keep their happiness in check — during their entire wedding day, from ceremony to reception, the two are not allowed to smile. If they do, it would mean they weren't serious about marriage.

In their first bit of housekeeping together, **German** brides and grooms clean up pieces of porcelain dishes that their guests threw on the ground to ward off any evil spirits. The lesson: working together, the couple can face any challenge thrown their way.

In **China**, a prospective husband will shoot his bride with a bow and arrow several times then collects the arrows and breaks them during the ceremony, to ensure their love lasts forever.

It's a **Cuban custom** that every man who dances with the bride must pin money to her dress to help the couple pay for their wedding and honeymoon. Bank on it!

Mauritian young girls are forced to put on the pounds before their weddings. The fatter she is, the better for the husband who is thought to be wealthy with such a well-fed wife.

Right before the wedding, it's common for **Indian women** to gather their closest girlfriends and sit for hours at a time to have their skin intricately painted, in tattoo fashion, with mehndi, which is paint made from henna. The elaborate and beautiful skin art lasts about two weeks making additional accessories totally unnecessary.

3. How many did you guess? Which tradition is the most surprising/exciting/weird/funny?



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KEY

Vocabulary

1: 1-d; 2-c; 3-g; 4-i; 5-f; 6-h; 7-a; 8-b; 9-e

2: suggested order: 1 – chat out; 2 – ask out; 3 – fall for; 4 – go out; 5 – well matched; 6 – cheat; 7 – break up; 8 – get back together; 9 – settle down.

4.

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- just married

After the wedding

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- silver wedding
- golden wedding