

UNIT 6

A Traditional Wedding



Read about this traditional wedding, then answer the true/false questions.

Everybody loves a good wedding and I'm no exception. I've been to a load of them in my native Britain and I must say that I usually have a great time. I've also been to a few abroad, including the Caribbean and Spain, and most recently (last week in fact) to one in the mountains of Sardinia. No two weddings are ever the same and I really enjoyed this one for one or two of the differences from those in the UK.

First, the two families spent at least three weeks before the big day preparing all the food, from wonderful home-made delicacies to simple traditional breads and pastas. In my experience, in the UK that onerous task is left to the caterers! In the week leading up to the wedding there is a dinner or some form of celebration every day - training for the stomach I guess. I know that we have the traditional Bachelor party and Bachelorette party, but this is more family orientated and certainly a little less rowdy. This particular ceremony was in a beautiful country church and afterwards the couple was driven to the reception in a wonderfully decorated classic Fiat 500, which was really similar to what happens in the UK, even down to the string of tin cans trailing behind the car!

The reception itself was also very similar until I realized that the seven tables in the hall each sat sixty guests (that's four hundred and twenty, for those of you who didn't study Math), an average number for Sardinia but would be considered a very large wedding where I'm from.

The wine flowed, as did the chatter - the famous Italian exuberance showing itself to the full. There were the five or six courses of wonderful food, screaming kids running wild, the ceremonial cutting of the cake by the bride and groom - but no speeches! Not one. In the UK it's traditional

for the father of the bride to propose a toast, followed by the groom and finishing up with that of the best man. His is meant to be the highlight of the lunch \ dinner, generally having a good laugh at the groom's expense, but here the groom was spared that particular discomfort.

Instead there was a delightful custom which I'd never seen before, in which six or seven of the male guests pass round the hall banging trays, drums, pots, pans or basically anything that makes a horrendous noise, selling pieces of the groom's tie which has been cut into tiny bits. The money raised is then given to the happy(!) couple to help them set up their new life together. Really nice. Finally the evening saw a lot of traditional dancing, a little disco dancing and some karaoke. Pretty much the part I like best, and again I wasn't disappointed. Can't wait for the next one.

1. The writer generally likes weddings.
☐ True
☐ False
2. He didn't particularly enjoy the Sardinian one.
☐ True
☐ False
3. The families helped the caterers to prepare the food.
☐ True
☐ False
4. There is usually a dinner the night before the wedding.
☐ True
☐ False
5. The groom meets the bride outside the church.
☐ True
☐ False
6. UK wedding receptions are often a lot smaller than Sardinian ones.
☐ True
☐ False
7. The writer found it hard to understand the speeches.
☐ True
☐ False
8. The staff of the reception hall cut the cake for the guests.
☐ True
☐ False
9. There is an auction to sell the groom's tie.
☐ True
☐ False

10. The money from this helps to pay for the reception.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Here are four people talking about eating out. After you read, answer each question with a paragraph number (1-4).

1. The last time I went to a restaurant was about 2 months ago. My wife and I wanted to celebrate our wedding anniversary with a good meal so we went to an expensive Italian restaurant in downtown Lisbon. We both had pasta to start and for the main course my wife ordered a steak and I chose fish. For dessert we both ate chocolate cake topped with fresh cream. Delicious!

2. I went to a restaurant yesterday evening with my sister's children. It wasn't very expensive and the menu was very limited. We all had a burger and French fries, and drank cola. It wasn't very good.

3. My boyfriend loves spicy food so this restaurant was perfect. The waiters were all really friendly and polite, and they played traditional sitar music which was very relaxing. The menu offered vegetarian dishes as well as meat dishes served with rice and a sauce - it depended on how hot you wanted it! I chose a mild beef curry but my boyfriend had a lamb 'vindaloo' - he also drank 2 liters of water!!

4. My class at the university went there last weekend. It's a very popular type of restaurant in my country. It generally offers one type of food (a kind of bread with cheese and tomato sauce) which you then choose what ingredients to add on top of it. I asked for olives and mushrooms on mine and my classmates each had something different so we could taste a piece of each person's meal.

1. In which text did the person go there for a special occasion?

2. In which text did the person visit an Indian restaurant?

3. In which text did the person eat pizza?

4. In which text did the person eat fast food?

5. In which text did someone eat seafood?
6. In which text did the person talk about the atmosphere of the restaurant?
7. Which restaurant was cheap?
8. In which text didn't the person enjoy their meal?
9. In which text did someone eat a very hot dish?
10. In which text did the person have a vegetarian meal?

Choose the correct words/phrases to complete the following conversation:



WAITER: Hi and welcome to Roberto's. Are you ready to order?

YOU: Not yet, _____, please
give us a second
more time
more time is needed

WAITER: No problem. I'll be back in a couple of minutes.... (AFTER A COUPLE OF MINUTES) What would you like to order?

YOU: How big are your _____?
foods
portions
plates

WAITER: Very big, you'll definitely get full :)

YOU: Perfect. And what does each order _____ (= include)?
come to
come by
come with

WAITER: Each order includes fries or a salad.

YOU: OK. _____ the chicken breast, and for my wife... the trout.
Bring me
I'll have
Get

WAITER: Great. And would you like fries or salad with that?

YOU: Fries _____ and a salad for my wife.
for me
I will have
me

WAITER: All right. I'll be right back with your order.

GRAMMAR

A Simple Future Tense

Simple Future has two different forms in English: "will" and "be going to." Although the two forms can sometimes be used interchangeably, they often express two very different meanings. These different meanings might seem too abstract at first, but with time and practice, the differences will become clear. Both "will" and "be going to" refer to a specific time in the future.

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses.

- 1. Today after I (get) out of class, I (go) to a movie with some friends.
- 2. When you (arrive) in Stockholm, call my friend Gustav. He (show) you around the city and help you get situated.
- 3. A: Do you know what you want to do after you (graduate) ?
B: After I (receive) my Master's from Georgetown University, I (go) to graduate school at UCSD in San Diego. I (plan) to complete a

Ph.D. in cognitive science.

4. If it (snow) this weekend, we (go) skiing near Lake Tahoe.

5. Your father (plan) to pick you up after school today at 3:00 o'clock.

He (meet) you across the street near the ice cream shop. If something happens and he cannot be there, I (pick) you up instead.

6. If the people of the world (stop, not) cutting down huge stretches of rain forest, we (experience) huge changes in the environment during the twenty-first century.

7. If Vera (keep) drinking, she (lose, eventually) her job.

8. I promise you that I (tell, not) your secret to anybody. Even if somebody (ask) me about what happened that day, I (reveal, not) the truth to a single person.

9. She (make) some major changes in her life. She (quit) her job and go back to school. After she (finish) studying, she (get) a better-paying job and buy a house. She is going to improve her life!

10. Tom (call) when he (arrive) in Madrid. He (stay) with you for two or three days until his new apartment (be) available.

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses

1. **Michael:** After you (leave) work, will you please drop by the grocery store and pick up some milk and bread?

Marie: No problem, I (pick) up the groceries and be home by 6 o'clock.

Michael: Great. You will probably get home before I (do) .

2. **Ari:** By the time we (get) to the movie theater, the tickets are going to be sold out.

Sarah: Don't worry. I told Jane we might be arriving just before the movie (start) . She (buy) our tickets and meet us in the lobby.

Ari: That place is huge! We (find, never) her in that crowded lobby.

Sarah: Calm down, we (meet) each other near the entrance.

3. **Terry:** If the weather (be) good tomorrow, maybe we should go to the beach.

Jennifer: I have a better idea. If it (be) nice out, we'll go to the beach; and if it (rain) , we'll see a movie.

Terry: I guess we will have to wait until we (get) up in the morning to find out what we are going to do.

4. **Max:** What are you going to do tomorrow after work?

Sean: I (meet) some friends at the cafe across the street. Would you like to come along?

Max: No thanks! My brother is coming to town and I (pick) him up from the airport at 7 o'clock.

Sean: We (be, probably) at the cafe until 9 o'clock. Why don't you join us after you (pick) him up.

Max: Sounds good. We (see) you around 8 o'clock.

5. **Lucy:** I (call) you as soon as I arrive in Dublin.

Dwain: If I am not there when you (call) , make sure to leave a message.

Lucy: I will. And please don't forget to water my plants and feed the cat.

Dwain: I promise I (take) care of everything while you are in Ireland.

GRAMMAR

B MODAL VERBS:

Complete the sentences using the words listed in the box below, then click the "Check" button to check your answers. Don't forget to capitalize when necessary. Some gaps may have more than one correct answer.

can	could	have to	must	might	should
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1. Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He **be** _____ exhausted after such a long flight. He **prefer** _____ to stay in tonight and get some rest.

2. If you want to get a better feeling for how the city is laid out, you **walk** _____ downtown and explore the waterfront.

3. Hiking the trail to the peak **be** dangerous if you are not well prepared for dramatic weather changes. You **research** _____ the route a little more before you attempt the ascent.

4. When you have a small child in the house, you **leave** _____ small objects lying around. Such objects **be** _____ swallowed, causing serious injury or even death.

5. Dave: _____ you hold your breath for more than a minute?

Nathan: No, I can't.

6. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It _____ have cost a fortune.

7. Please make sure to water my plants while I am gone. If they don't get enough water, they _____ die.

8. I _____ speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Egypt. But after we moved back to Canada, I had very little exposure to the language and forgot almost everything I knew as a child. Now, I _____ just say a few things in the language.

9. The book is optional. My professor said we _____ read it if we needed extra credit. But we _____ read it if we don't want to.

10. Leo: Where is the knife? It _____ be in this drawer but it's not here.

Nancy: I just did a load of dishes last night and they're still in the dish washer. It _____ be in there. That's the only other place it _____ be.

11. You _____ take your umbrella along with you today. The weatherman on the news said there's a storm north of here and it _____ rain later on this afternoon.

12. _____ we pull over at the next rest stop? I really _____ use the bathroom and I don't know if I _____ hold it until we get to Chicago.

13. Oh no! Frank's wallet is lying on the coffee table. He _____ have left it here last night.

14. Ned: _____ I borrow your lighter for a minute?

Stephen: Sure, no problem. Actually, you _____ keep it if you want to. I've given up smoking.

15. I _____ believe she said that to Megan! She _____ insult her cooking in front of everyone at the party last night. She _____ have just said she was full or had some salad if she didn't like the meal.

16. Do you _____ chew with your mouth open like that? Geez, it's making me sick watching you eat that piece of pizza.

17. Mrs. Scarlett's body was found in the lounge just moments ago, and it's still warm! Nobody has left the mansion this evening, so the killer _____ be someone in this room. It _____ be any one of us!!!

18. Ted: I don't know why Denise started crying when I mentioned the wedding.

Pamela: It _____ have been what you said about her brother. Or, perhaps she is just nervous. After all, the big day is tomorrow.

19. _____ you always say the first thing that pops into your head? _____ you think once in awhile before you speak?

20. I was reading the book last night before I went to bed. I never took it out of this room. It _____ be lying around here somewhere. Where _____ it be?

MUST vs. HAVE TO

Must often expresses someone's opinion, while have to refers to rules, laws or need.

Examples:

We must get the fence repaired.

You have to wear protection gear.

I don't have to put up with this.

BE ABLE TO vs. COULD

Be able to is more common when referring to ability/capability and it often is used to suggest managing to accomplish something or coping with difficulty. Could is more vague: it can refer to someone's (in)ability to do something in the past (but not any longer) or to express possibility.

Examples:

We were able to make friends with the dolphins in just a few days.

This could be quite difficult.

I tried to open the door but I couldn't.

NEED vs. NEED TO

Need is modal and it is nearly always negative. Need to refers to need or obligation and often carries personal opinion. It behaves like any other verb (-s for present simple 3rd person singular, -ed for past participle form etc).

Examples:

You needn't have given him food.

She needs to get some help.

You don't need to leave right now.

Rephrase the following sentences using the word given in brackets. Do not change the word given:

a. I'm so sorry I never got round to seeing that movie....

(MANAGED) _____

b. I don't want us to be late, please hurry up!

(COULD) _____

c. Please come this way.

(WILL) _____

d. Maybe moving out was not such a good idea.

(SHOULD) _____

e. "My name is Ethel," I think she said, though I am not sure at all!

(HAVE) _____

Use modal verbs *SHOULD*, *MUST* or *OUGHT TO* to make sentences starting from the following prompts, according to the model given.

Sarah/eat a lot of meat/high cholesterol

Sarah shouldn't eat a lot of meat, she has rather high cholesterol.

diabetic people/eat sweets/coma

stars/drink a lot/role models

children/respect parents/family harmony

I/do more exercise/weight

friends/support each other/times of difficulty.

people/ride bikes/pollution