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Here Comes the Bride

» Learning Objective

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to...
express congratulations to a newly married couple.

» Expression Check

- Congratulations on your big day!
- Here comes the happy couple!
- Wishing you many years of happiness together.



1. Warm up Activity

Describe the situation in the picture within one minute.



Talk about the questions.

1. What is the busiest wedding season and why?
2. What are the best honeymoon destinations?
3. How do wedding guests typically express their congratulations?

2. Useful Expressions

Match the expressions on the left with the similar meaning on the right.

- a) Congratulations on your big day! ★
- b) Here comes the happy couple. ★
- c) I hope you guys enjoy a long life together. ★
- d) So, you've finally tied the knot! ★

- ★ 1. The bride and groom have arrived.
- ★ 2. Congrats on your wedding!
- ★ 3. Can't believe you guys are hitched now!
- ★ 4. Wishing you many years of happiness together.

3. Key Conversation



Think of the useful expressions and practice the dialogue.

FINALLY HITCHED!

Susan Aww, you look so beautiful, Jane! Congratulations on your big day!

Jane Thanks so much for coming! It's great to see you and everyone.

Susan The whole ceremony was just so perfect, and the food is divine.

Jane Well, I'm absolutely floating on air. Nothing could make this day any better for us!

Susan So, you've finally tied the knot after all this time. I always knew you and Ashton were perfect for each other.

Jane My parents would have been shocked if we hadn't after all these years of being joined at the hip!

Susan Well, Alex and I wanted to give you a little something.

Jane You didn't have to! Wow, cruise tickets?

Susan It's not every day my best friend gets married, right?

Jane Well, thanks so much! This is incredible!

Susan I know you'll have fun. Wishing you many years of happiness!



Questions

1. Do you think Susan is happy with Jane's marriage to Ashton?
2. What makes a wedding memorable?
3. Do you think cruise tickets are a good wedding gift?
4. What would you do for your best friend's wedding?

Why Does the Bride Throw the Bouquet at Her Wedding?

Dating back to the 14th century, wedding guests in Western Europe tried to tear off bits of the bride's dress with the desire to take home a piece of the bride's luck. It was believed that the keepsake would bring good luck in love. People would chase after the lucky woman in the hope of a scrap of cloth or ribbon.

Of course, brides were opposed to the idea of being chased and having their wedding garments destroyed. As a result, the idea of distracting the crowd by throwing the bouquet emerged.

It became traditional for the bride to throw her bouquet at the reception and for all single women present to compete to catch it. The woman who catches the bouquet is said to be the next who will marry.



Is there any specific tradition for wedding ceremonies in your country?



4. Language Practice

Change the underlined key words to make your own sentences.

Practice #1 - Offering Congratulations (1)

- finally hitched
- tie the knot
- took the plunge

- ★ So, you finally got hitched after all these years?
- ★ So glad you guys decided to tie the knot.
- ★ So, you took the plunge, and look how happy you are!

Practice #2 - Offering Congratulations (2)

- best friend
- your
- marriage

- ★ So, my best friend's finally tied the knot? Great!
- ★ Congrats on your wedding!
- ★ Congratulations on your marriage.

Practice #3 - Presenting a Gift

- money
- gift
- belated gift

- ★ I wanted to give you some money to help with all your expenses.
- ★ I hope you like this gift but if not, feel free to exchange it.
- ★ I'm sorry we couldn't make it to your wedding. We got you this belated gift that we hope you'll enjoy.



Famous Wedding Quotes

Read the following famous wedding quotes and sayings that can inspire the union of two hearts.

Success in marriage does not come merely through finding the right mate, but through being the right mate.

~Barnett R. Brickner

Marriage is a book of which the first chapter is written in poetry and the remaining chapters in prose.

~Beverley Nichols

Marriage is an alliance entered into by a man who can't sleep with the window shut, and a woman who can't sleep with the window open.

~George Bernard Shaw

A long marriage is two people trying to dance a duet and two solos at the same time.

~Anne Taylor Fleming

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Happy marriages begin when we marry the ones we love, and they blossom when we love the ones we marry.

~Tom Mullen

5. Role Plays

Look at the situations and act out the role plays with your partner.

The Situation #1

You are a groom, and one of your in-laws wants to talk with you. It is your wedding day, and you are very happy to be a part of a new family now.

The Situation #2

You are the best friend of the groom or bride. You want to congratulate him/her on his/her wedding day. Actually, you are a little jealous of the new relationship.

The Situation #3

Your boss is coming to talk with you about your wedding. You see he is carrying a large box. You are happy but you do not think you should accept such a gift.



Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is a gift-giving party for a bride-to-be before her wedding. Traditionally, the bridal shower is attended by bridesmaids, but today, a mixed "Jack and Jill" party attended by both men and women is also common.

Who are Bridesmaids?

The bridesmaids are members of the bride's party in a wedding. A bridesmaid is typically a young woman who is a close friend or sister of the bride. Bridesmaids customarily host the bridal shower.



Stag Party

A stag party is usually arranged by the groomsmen or the groom's male family members to celebrate the groom's last days of freedom as a single man.

While there are no set rules concerning the events of a stag party, the evening is generally filled with males bonding over alcohol. It is also known as a bachelor party.



6. Cultural Discussion Questions

Talk about the questions in as much detail as possible.

1. What do guests typically do at a wedding ceremony in your country?
2. What kinds of gifts are appropriate for newlyweds where you live?
3. What is appropriate wedding attire for guests?
4. What are the costs involved in getting married in your country?

7. Slang & Idioms

Complete the sentences with the appropriate slang or idiom and practice.

- honeymoon period
- lovebirds
- match made in heaven
- whirlwind romance
- take the plunge

1. Those two are inseparable these days.
2. Sachi and Mark are a
3. I don't expect we'll be hearing much from them during their
4. I think Chris and Amy are going to this year.
5. After a, they married in Paris last summer.

Did You Know?

Read and discuss how you feel about each factor.

1. Did you know that **money is the number one** recommended wedding gift?
2. Did you know that, in the US, many couples **register for gifts at a retail store**? An expensive item from their registry would be considered a dream gift.



Wrapping Up!

Write down four things you learned from this lesson and review.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

