

M: Hello English learners! And welcome back to another episode of **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: And today with Erica we are getting married.

E: Well, we're not getting married.

M: Hehe. We're not, but our actors in the podcast are.

E: That's right, so, we've got a lesson today about **weddings**. And you know what, a lot of the language in this lesson is about weddings and marriages and maybe you don't need to use this language everyday, but...

M: Learning this vocabulary will definitely help you understand or learn a lot more about Anglo culture.

E: Okay, great point, Marco, I think now we can look at our "**vocabulary preview**".

Voice: Vocabulary preview.

E: So, two simple words in this vocabulary preview; the first one is **groom**.

M: Groom.

E: Groom.

M: Groom.

E: So, who is the groom?

M: He's the man, the man that's getting married.

E: Okay, and our second word is...

M: **Bride**.

E: Bride.

M: Bride.

E: And obviously the bride is...

M: The woman getting married.

E: Perfect.

M: Hehe.

E: Now we have our **bride** and our **groom**, so, it's time to listen to our dialogue the first time.

DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME

E: Oh, Marco, that sounds sad.

M: Yeah, I know the reception is cancelled now.

E: Marco!

M: Well...

E: They're not getting married!

M: Uh, well, I mean... the best part is when you go and eat and drink at a reception.

E: Okay. Well, there's some great language in this dialogue and now let's look at our "**language takeaway**".

Voice: Language takeaway.

M: Great, our first word on the language takeaway today is **it's about time**.

E: It's about time.

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M: So, now we are going to listen to some examples on how we use this great phrase.

Voice: Example one.

A: Dinners' ready.

B: It's about time! I'm starving!

Voice: Example two.

C: Guess what? I finally got a job.

D: It's about time! You've been unemployed for two years!

Voice: Example three.

E: We're almost there. Just a couple more minutes.

F: It's about time. We've been driving for twelve hours.

E: So, this phrase means 'finally'.

M: Finally! **At last.**

E: We've been waiting a long time for this.

M: Exactly.

E: Okay, so, it's about time.

M: Great, let's take a look at our second word now – **aisle**.

E: Aisle.

M: A-I-S-L-E.

E: Aisle.

M: Aisle. It's a tricky word, it sounds like the **contraction** of 'I will'.

E: Yeah, but it's spelled so strangely.

M: Right, we don't pronounce the **S**, the **S** is silent, it's...

E: That's true.

M: Ai-le.

E: So, what is an aisle?

M: In a big room where you have a lot of chairs that space in the middle that allows people to walk through, that's the aisle.

E: So, the aisle is the part where you walk.

M: Yes.

E: In a big room.

M: In a big room, wh...

E: With many chairs.

M: With many chairs. Hehe.

E: Okay.

M: So, in the church...

E: The bride and groom...

M: **Walk down** the aisle.

E: Exactly.

M: Great.

E: Let's move to our third word...

M: **Bridesmaid.**

E: Bridesmaid.

M: Bridesmaid.

E: So, who are the bridesmaids? Or wait, maybe you ask me that.

M: Yeah, cause I... I... we don't get bridesmaids.

E: Okay, so, the bridesmaids are the women who are friends of the bride who stand next to her when she's getting married. Usually, they're her best friends.

M: Right, okay. Okay, so, we have our bridesmaids, now we have our **flower girl.**

E: Flower girl.

M: Flower girl.

E: Again, I'll explain this one.

M: Please, please.

E: The flower girl is the cute little girl who walks down the aisle and who throws flowers.

M: That's the flower girl. And with the flower girl we have our **ring bearer.**

E: Ring bearer.

M: Ring bearer.

E: So, the ring bearer is the cute little boy who walks down the aisle carrying the...

M: Rings.

E: Yep.

M: Okay, so, a lot of useful vocabulary for a wedding ceremony.

E: That's true.

M: Now, let's look at our last word – **gorgeous**.

E: Gorgeous.

M: Gorgeous.

E: Gorgeous means beautiful.

M: Very beautiful.

E: Yeah, i... you know, beautiful you can only use with a woman.

M: Uhu.

E: Can you use **gorgeous** with a woman or with a man?

M: Yes, gorgeous is **unisex**.

E: So, both men and women are gorgeous.

M: Right, you can say "Oh, that girl is gorgeous".

E: That guy is gorgeous.

M: Right, or you can say even "This house is gorgeous".

E: Okay, so, men, women, objects.

M: Yes, yes.

E: Alright, well, we've learned some really interesting vocabulary that will help us to understand an Anglo wedding, so, why don't we listen to the dialogue slow down?

DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME (slow)

M: Now, in this dialogue we have a word that many students often make mistakes on.

E: So, this is a word that causes a lot of problems.

M: Yes, the word **marry**.

E: Marry.

M: Marry, right? So, we are going to listen now to some common mistakes on how English learners use this word.

E: Right, so, these are **wrong examples**.

Voice: Example one.

A: Honey, let's marry.

Voice: Example two.

B: We married four years ago.

Voice: Example three.

C: When I marry I wanna huge wedding.

E: These are great examples of mistakes students make with the word **marry**. They're missing a word. Let's listen to these **right examples** to see what word is missing.

Voice: Example one.

A: Honey, let's get married.

Voice: Example two.

B: We got married four years ago.

Voice: Example three.

C: When I get married I wanna huge wedding.

M: Great, so, we can see that when we use the word **marry**, we say **to get married**.

E: Exactly right! Get married.

M: To get married, right?

E: Okay, don't forget that.

M: Yes, get married. I will get married.

E: We got married.

M: Right, so, now you know exactly how to use this word, we are ready to listen to our dialogue again for a third time and this time it's gonna be at a normal speed.

DIALOGUE, THIRD TIME

M: Okay, well, I'm gonna be honest with you, I don't know too much about marriages, because, first of all, I'm not married and I've never really been too many marriages, so, Erica, some questions for you.

E: Okay.

M: What are these bridesmaids do... I mean... What are they... what are they about?

E: What do the bridesmaids do?

M: Yeah, what are they... what are they doing there?

E: Well, **like I said earlier**, the bridesmaids are the friends of the bride, but the most important people besides the bride and groom are the **best man** and the **maid of honor**.

M: Okay, and what do they do there, in the ceremony?

E: Well, what they do is they sign the **marriage license**.

M: Okay, so, they're like **witnesses**.

E: Exactly.

M: Okay, so, but **wait a minute**, they sign the marriage license there in the church?

E: Yeah, of course, right inside the church you sign the marriage license.

M: Wow, that's strange, because **from what I know**, in other countries usually you will sign the marriage license before the ceremony.

E: So, you get married twice.

M: Yeah, you have like the **civil marriage** and then you have like the church wedding or whatever.

E: That's so complicated.

M: Hehe. Well, yeah, I mean the church wedding is just a ceremony; it's not really anything official.

E: Oh, in Canada it's the official part as well.

M: I guess maybe it's just more efficient.

E: Maybe.

M: Hehe.

E: Well, this is a really **fascinating**, a really interesting subject, isn't it?

M: Yeah, because there're so many countries that have different marriage ceremonies. I know that marriages in India last around seven days.

E: Yeah, yeah. I wanna know more about how our users get married in their country[s].

M: Yeah, so, please go to our website at englishpod.com and tell us how you get married in your countries.

E: Yeah, **I can't wait to** hear your stories.

M: Yeah, it should be interesting, right?

E: Okay, well, everyone thanks for listening and until next time... Good bye!

M: Bye!