

## Session 1

Time to meet three happy couples who are planning the biggest day of their lives: their wedding day! And as we hear from them, we'll look at some different ways to talk about the future.

## Activity 1

### Wedding words

#### Bridesmaids and groomsmen...

This unit is all about weddings, so it's a good time to look at some wedding vocabulary. Who's the **bride** and who's the **groom**? And what's the difference between a **fiancé** and a **fiancée**?

Read this story. Jean-Pierre and Marianne are planning their wedding in France. Do you know the meanings of the words **in bold**?



#### A wedding with a difference

"I **proposed** to my girlfriend Marianne last month, so she's now my **fiancée**! It's lovely **being engaged**, though planning the wedding takes up a lot of time. We're **getting married** next summer, here in France.

It's going to be a small wedding with around 50 **guests** – we've already sent them **invitations**. We've also booked the **venue** – a big hotel by the sea.

In terms of **catering**, we'd like traditional French food – it's the best! But we don't want a traditional **ceremony** in a church – instead we're going to have it on the beach, with both Marianne, the **bride**, and me, the **groom**, wearing **wetsuits** instead of formal clothes.

The **photographer** will need a waterproof camera. All our best friends – the **bridesmaids** and **groomsmen** – will be dressed in swimwear.

I can't wait until **we're married**. Because then – there's the **honeymoon** to look forward to – two whole weeks on a diving holiday after our wedding."

#### To do

Now you've read the story, can you work out the meanings of the words in bold?

#### Vocabulary tip

Did you notice the difference between **to get married** and **to be married**? On the day of your wedding, you **get married**. After that, you **are married**.

It's similar for **to get engaged** and **to be engaged**. To **get engaged** is what happens when you ask someone to marry you and they say yes. After that you **are engaged**, until... you **get married**!

## Examples

We got engaged in March this year and we're going to get married this year.  
I've been engaged for two years.  
All my friends are married already!

## Next

We hope you learned some useful words. Soon you will have a chance to use them as we meet three couples talking about their wedding plans. But first, a quick pronunciation point with Emma. It's a really useful one!

