Wedding bells

It’s supposed to be the most unforgettable day of your life, and marriage has always been popular in the UK, but the number of weddings has been declining recently. For example, almost 500.000 couples got married in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but in 2007 there were only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weddings. It seems that more people now live together without getting married.

There are many fascinating ancient traditions associated with weddings in the UK. Since the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the groom has placed a wedding ring on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finger of the bride’s left hand. Since the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ century, the bride has thrown her bouquet towards the female guests. According to superstition, the one who catches it will be the next bride. Also, for more than a hundred years, the bride has worn “something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue” on her wedding day for good luck.

As well as the bride and groom, other people are important at a wedding. The groom has a “best-man” usually a close friend or brother. He’s responsible for getting the broom to the wedding on time, and he looks after the rings before the ceremony. The bride often has bridesmaids – female friends or relatives who help her on the day. They often help her to get ready, and they walk behind her in the ceremony. The bride’s father is also very important. He makes a speech at the reception after the ceremony and has traditionally paid for everything, although nowadays the couple often pay. The average cost of wedding in the UK is currently over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pounds – a terrifying amount of money!

Although many people still get married in a church or other place of worship, about two-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of British couples choose a civil ceremony, and most of those get married in a register office. However, it’s possible to get married in any public place with a special license. Some places are more unusual than others – if you’ve decided to go for something really memorable and different and you’re a Manchester United fan, you can get married at Old Trafford stadium! Or, if you’re an animal lover, you can do it at London Zoo. People even get married at Alton Towers, one of the UK’s biggest theme parks!

**Complete the blanks with the following words**

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**Read the text and answer the questions**

Is the number of weddings each year in the UK changing? If so, how?

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What does tradition say about a woman who catches a bride’s flowers?

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Why do women often wear something blue to their weddings?

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What do bridesmaids do at a wedding?

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Where do most weddings take place, if they aren’t in church?

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Where can you hold a wedding in the UK?

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**Answer the questions based on your opinion**

Do couples often live together without getting married in Spain?

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Are there any unusual places in Spain where people get married?

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Do you want to get married when you’re older? Why?

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**Match the words in the text writing them down right next to their meaning**

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WHEN ALL EXERCISES ARE DONE, YOU MUST WRITE A TEXT (200-250) WORDS ABOUT WEDDINGS IN SPAIN

Ramo (2nd paragraph)

Prestado (2nd paragraph)

Cuida (3rd paragraph)

Discurso (3rd paragraph)

Pareja (3rd paragraph)

Cantidad (3rd paragraph)

Aunque (4th paragraph)

Oración/Adorar (4th paragraph)

Parque de atracciones (4th paragraph)