

## 20. The Funeral

Last week, my grandma died. The whole family is very sad. The funeral **will take place in the late afternoon**, and perhaps some of the family will **join together** for a dinner at a restaurant. By tradition, most of the dead are buried but cremations are becoming more common, as some people think it's more practical. When people go to a funeral they meet in the church first. There everybody can see the coffin, nicely decorated with wreaths and flowers. The pastor **makes a speech** about the life of **the deceased**. Then everybody meets outside. The coffin is carried by the bearers to the tomb. The family and friends follow the carriers and at the end, the coffin is slowly **dropped into a large hole**. As a final goodbye, my parents and siblings throw earth on the coffin.