

## Weddings: reading tasks

1. Read about the different weddings again and answer the following questions:



- Who had the longest wedding ceremony?
- Who had the shortest?
- Who do you think had the simplest wedding?
- Who did something or had something symbolic done during their wedding ceremony?
- Who had restrictions on what they could or couldn't do?
- Who do you know had a religious wedding?
- Who do you think had a religious wedding? Who combined both modern and traditional customs?

2. Now put the reading away. Can you answer the following questions?

- Everyone in Germany must have a \_\_\_\_\_ wedding.
- What did Olga and her husband have to do with the broken pottery?
- The verb is *to light* a candle. What is the past tense? What is the adjective?
- What expression did Meryem use to describe her future husband?
- What *two* things did Meryem's girlfriends do when they had her shoes?
- What adjective did Noshilu use to describe walking with her jewellery on?
- What gifts did Noshilu receive? In China red symbolizes love, joy and \_\_\_\_\_.
- What's the short form of handkerchief?
- Why did Barbara agree to marry in Las Vegas?
- What kind of ring did her husband give her?

3. Did you notice these expressions? Complete the sentences with the correct phrase.

wished each other   loved each other   see each other   gave each other

- Manuela and her husband \_\_\_\_\_ rings.
- Meryem and her future husband couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lin and her husband \_\_\_\_\_ good luck.
- Barbara and her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The magazine *Couples Today* wants to know how marriage is regarded in today's modern world. How important is marriage to you and your culture? Write a letter to the magazine explaining your views.