## Tying the Knot

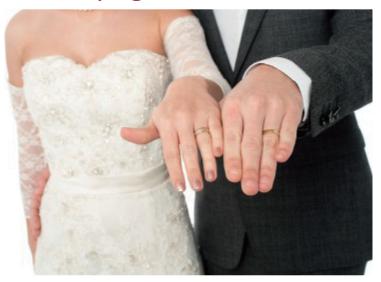


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## **Pre-Reading Questions**

- 1. How much does a typical wedding cost in your country?
- 2. Who usually pays for the wedding in your culture?
- 3. What is the most expensive part of a wedding?
- 4. What are some ways couples reduce the cost of their big day?

## Reading

Saying "I do" is a big thing. It is also an expensive thing. Celebrities spend more than a million dollars on their big day. These marriages rarely last forever. Everyday people also get carried away. Many couples can't afford their dream wedding. They have student loans or credit card debt. This doesn't stop them from getting hitched. Weddings these days are funded by friends and families. Members of the wedding party host events like greenback showers or Jack and Jill parties.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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