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Couple get married in Shrek costumes

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THE ARTICLE

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Once upon a time, a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding. For one British woman, her dream came true. Amanda Gibbs, 44, married her fiancé of eight years on Saturday in a ceremony that was nothing but fairy tale. The happy couple painted themselves green to look like the animation characters Shrek and Princess Fiona. They also donned costumes based on the attire worn by the characters. The guest list included friends and family dressed as Buzz Lightyear, the Gingerbread Man, Snow White and Minnie Mouse. The couple wanted a day to remember that was a little out of the ordinary. They stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the knot in truly unforgettable fashion.

The wedding also had a serious side to it. They decided to use it to raise money for charity. They asked their guests not to buy them any wedding presents, but to donate the money to a cancer research charity instead. They had both lost friends to cancer. The groom, Nathan Gibbs, told reporters: "We thought it would be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are all making donations to the charity and we hope to inspire others to give money to the charity when they read our story." He added: "We've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised will go towards helping to support those with cancer and their families."

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WARM-UPS

1. WEDDINGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about weddings. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

once upon a time / fairy tale / dream come true / out of the ordinary / tie the knot / wedding / serious / donate / charity / guests / presents / inspire / fantastic / support

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FAIRY TALE: What could the story be for these modern-day fairy tales? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

About...	Main characters	Summary of the story
The Internet		
Global warming		
Human trafficking		
Hollywood		
Oil		
2014		

4. TRADITIONAL: Students A **strongly** believe weddings should always be traditional; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TIE THE KNOT: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best place to get married at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Venice
- New York
- The Sahara Desert
- Mount Everest
- Tahiti
- Hollywood
- Your capital city
- Disneyland

6. DREAM: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "dream". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A woman who was engaged for eight years got married. | T / F |
| b. The article says the wedding was nothing like a fairy tale. | T / F |
| c. Wedding guests attended the ceremony dressed as cartoon characters. | T / F |
| d. The couple wanted an ordinary wedding they would not forget. | T / F |
| e. The couple asked guests to give to charity instead of buying presents. | T / F |
| f. Some of the couple's friends had died of cancer. | T / F |
| g. The groom does not want non-guests to help the charity. | T / F |
| h. The groom said he was disappointed his wedding day wasn't better. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. came true | a. purely |
| 2. nothing but | b. give |
| 3. donned | c. get married |
| 4. attire | d. provide for |
| 5. tie the knot | e. motivate |
| 6. raise | f. clothes |
| 7. donate | g. wonderful |
| 8. inspire | h. wore |
| 9. fantastic | i. collect |
| 10. support | j. was realised |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Once upon | a. knot |
| 2. married her fiancé | b. lost friends to cancer |
| 3. The happy | c. fashion |
| 4. tied the | d. side to it |
| 5. in truly unforgettable | e. others to give money |
| 6. The wedding also had a serious | f. a time |
| 7. raise | g. those with cancer |
| 8. They had both | h. of eight years |
| 9. inspire | i. couple |
| 10. helping to support | j. money for charity |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

Once (1) _____ a time, a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding. For one British woman, her dream came true. Amanda Gibbs, 44, married her (2) _____ of eight years on Saturday in a ceremony that was (3) _____ but fairy tale. The happy couple painted themselves green to look like the animation characters Shrek and Princess Fiona. They also (4) _____ costumes based on the (5) _____ worn by the characters. The guest list included friends and family dressed as Buzz Lightyear, the Gingerbread Man, Snow White and Minnie Mouse. The (6) _____ wanted a day to remember that was a little out of the (7) _____. They stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the (8) _____ in truly unforgettable fashion.

couple
donned
fiancé
ordinary
upon
knot
nothing
attire

The wedding also had a (9) _____ side to it. They decided to use it to (10) _____ money for charity. They asked their guests not to buy them any wedding presents, but to donate the money to a cancer research charity instead. They had both (11) _____ friends to cancer. The (12) _____, Nathan Gibbs, told reporters: "We thought it would be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are all making (13) _____ to the charity and we hope to inspire others to give money to the (14) _____ when they read our story." He added: "We've had a great day today and it's (15) _____ to think the money raised will go towards helping to (16) _____ those with cancer and their families."

donations
fantastic
raise
groom
serious
support
charity
lost

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

- 1) For one British woman, her dream _____
 - a. came truly
 - b. came true
 - c. came truth
 - d. came truism
- 2) a ceremony that was nothing _____
 - a. bug fairy tale
 - b. not fairy tale
 - c. but fairy tale
 - d. put fairy tale
- 3) They also donned costumes based on the attire worn _____
 - a. by the character
 - b. by the characterise
 - c. by the charactersation
 - d. by the characters
- 4) The couple wanted a day to remember that was a little _____
 - a. in of the ordinary
 - b. out of the ordinarily
 - c. out of the ordinary
 - d. out of an ordinary
- 5) tied the knot in truly _____
 - a. unforgettable fashion
 - b. unforgettable fashions
 - c. unforgettable fashioning
 - d. unforgettable fashioned
- 6) The wedding also had a serious _____
 - a. side for it
 - b. side to it
 - c. side too it
 - d. side at it
- 7) donate the money to a cancer research _____
 - a. charity instead
 - b. charity in stead
 - c. charity in steady
 - d. charity in steadied
- 8) They had both lost friends _____
 - a. at cancer
 - b. to cancer
 - c. of cancer
 - d. as cancer
- 9) Our guests are all making donations to the charity and we hope _____
 - a. too inspire others
 - b. two inspire others
 - c. through inspire others
 - d. to inspire others
- 10) go towards helping to support _____
 - a. those of cancer
 - b. those from cancer
 - c. those which cancer
 - d. those with cancer

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

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The wedding also had (7) _____ it. They decided to use it to raise money for charity. They asked their guests not to buy them any wedding presents, (8) _____ money to a cancer research charity instead. They had (9) _____ to cancer. The groom, Nathan Gibbs, told reporters: "We thought it would be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are (10) _____ to the charity and we hope (11) _____ to give money to the charity when they read our story." He added: "We've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised (12) _____ helping to support those with cancer and their families."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

1. When did a woman dream about having a fairy tale wedding?

2. What happened to her dream?

3. For how long were the couple engaged?

4. What did the guests come as?

5. What did they do in unforgettable fashion?

6. What kind of side did the wedding have to it?

7. What did the couple want guests to do instead of buying presents?

8. What happened to some of the happy couple's friends?

9. What does the groom hope people will do if they read his story?

10. How did the groom describe his wedding day?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

1. When did a woman dream about having a fairy tale wedding?
 - a) long, long ago
 - b) once upon a time
 - c) at 3:12pm last Tuesday afternoon
 - d) many moons ago
2. What happened to her dream?
 - a) her alarm went off
 - b) nothing
 - c) she could not remember it
 - d) it came true
3. For how long were the couple engaged?
 - a) 18 months
 - b) 8 months
 - c) 8 years
 - d) 8 weeks
4. What did the guests come as?
 - a) animation characters
 - b) Shrek and Princess Fiona
 - c) fairies
 - d) celebrities
5. What did they do in unforgettable fashion?
 - a) sewed the button on
 - b) tied the knot
 - c) cut the rope
 - d) unravelled the string
6. What kind of side did the wedding have to it?
 - a) a serious one
 - b) a long one
 - c) a colourful one
 - d) a straight one
7. What did the couple want guests to do instead of buying presents?
 - a) buy a lottery ticket
 - b) make them
 - c) donate to charity
 - d) save their money
8. What happened to some of the happy couple's friends?
 - a) they died of cancer
 - b) they didn't attend the wedding
 - c) they got lost
 - d) they got engaged at the wedding
9. What does the groom hope people will do if they read his story?
 - a) have a fairy tale wedding
 - b) have a fantastic day
 - c) be happy
 - d) give to charity
10. How did the groom describe his wedding day?
 - a) ordinary
 - b) supportive
 - c) fantastic
 - d) nuptial

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

Role A – Disneyland

You think Disneyland is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Paris, Tahiti or Mount Everest.

Role B – Paris

You think Paris is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Disneyland, Tahiti or Mount Everest.

Role C – Tahiti

You think Tahiti is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Paris, Disneyland or Mount Everest.

Role D – Mount Everest

You think Mount Everest is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Paris, Tahiti or Disneyland.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'fairy' and 'tale'.

fairy	tale
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• getting• eight• nothing• based• remember• truly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• serious• instead• groom• hope• great• families
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WEDDINGS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

Write five GOOD questions about weddings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WEDDINGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'wedding'?
- c) What do you think of the fairy tale wedding in the article?
- d) Should all weddings be traditional?
- e) How important is a wedding?
- f) Would you like a fairy tale wedding?
- g) What's your dream wedding?
- h) Has a dream of yours ever come true?
- i) What would you dress up as at a fairy tale wedding (and why)?
- j) When was the last time you did something out of the ordinary?

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WEDDINGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should all couples raise money for charity at their wedding?
- c) Do you like weddings?
- d) What do people getting married in your culture promise each other in a wedding?
- e) Do you think that one day, weddings will become a thing of the past?
- f) What's the best and worst wedding you've ever been to?
- g) Do you think it's easy or difficult to plan a wedding?
- h) In your country, do people have to invite people they don't like to their wedding?
- i) What kind of weddings do you think are best?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the happy couple?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) upon | (b) onto | (c) after | (d) during |
| 2. | (a) truly | (b) truthful | (c) true | (d) truth |
| 3. | (a) yet | (b) not | (c) but | (d) bit |
| 4. | (a) manned | (b) binned | (c) canned | (d) donned |
| 5. | (a) ordinary | (b) unusual | (c) book | (d) fairies |
| 6. | (a) shoelace | (b) knot | (c) tongue | (d) ribbon |
| 7. | (a) edge | (b) line | (c) corner | (d) side |
| 8. | (a) now | (b) not | (c) all | (d) for |
| 9. | (a) lose | (b) losing | (c) lost | (d) loses |
| 10. | (a) conspire | (b) inspire | (c) spire | (d) respire |
| 11. | (a) rose | (b) arising | (c) risen | (d) raised |
| 12. | (a) forwards | (b) towards | (c) wards | (d) rewards |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

Paragraph 1

1. in a mnceryeo
2. iaanminot characters
3. They also donned scomsuet
4. the tertia worn by the characters
5. a little out of the riondrya
6. truly felobatnuetrg fashion

Paragraph 2

7. The wedding also had a rsseiou side to it
8. a cancer hasrerec charity
9. Our guests are all making dnnooaist
10. we hope to sprinej others
11. it's ftaascnit to think
12. go odwtrsa helping to support those with cancer

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the Gingerbread Man, Snow White and Minnie Mouse. The couple wanted a day to remember that was a little out
- () of the ordinary. They stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the knot in truly unforgettable fashion.
- () inspire others to give money to the charity when they read our story." He added:
- () worn by the characters. The guest list included friends and family dressed as Buzz Lightyear,
- () British woman, her dream came true. Amanda Gibbs, 44, married her fiancé of eight years on Saturday
- () like the animation characters Shrek and Princess Fiona. They also donned costumes based on the attire
- () be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are all making donations to the charity and we hope to
- () nstead. They had both lost friends to cancer. The groom, Nathan Gibbs, told reporters: "We thought it would
- () The wedding also had a serious side to it. They decided to use it to raise money for charity. They asked their
- () "We've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised will go towards
- (**1**) Once upon a time, a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding. For one
- () guests not to buy them any wedding presents, but to donate the money to a cancer research charity i
- () helping to support those with cancer and their families."
- () in a ceremony that was nothing but fairy tale. The happy couple painted themselves green to look

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a, time a upon Once married getting of dreamed woman.

2. on worn characters based attire the Costumes the by.

3. a of to was out ordinary day that little the A remember.

4. their plan for a fairy tale wedding They stuck to.

5. the Tied fashion unforgettable truly in knot.

6. had side also serious it wedding a to The.

7. decided to use it to raise money for charity They.

8. money cancer instead the a charity Donate to research.

9. money raise to idea great a be would it thought We.

10. cancer to support Go those towards with helping.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

Once / Twice upon a time, a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding. For one British woman, her dream came *truth / true*. Amanda Gibbs, 44, married her fiancé *of / for* eight years on Saturday in a ceremony that was nothing *however / but* fairy tale. The happy couple painted themselves green to look like the *animator / animation* characters Shrek and Princess Fiona. They also *donned / dinned* costumes based on the *retire / attire* worn by the characters. The guest list *included / inclusive* friends and family dressed as Buzz Lightyear, the Gingerbread Man, Snow White and Minnie Mouse. The couple wanted a day to remember that was a little *in / out* of the ordinary. They stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the *knot / rope* in truly unforgettable fashion.

The wedding also had a *seriously / serious* side to it. They decided to use it to *raise / rise* money for charity. They asked their guests not to *buy / purchase* them any wedding presents, but to donate the money to a cancer research charity instead. They had both lost friends *for / to* cancer. The groom, Nathan Gibbs, *told / said* reporters: "We thought it would be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are all *making / made* donations to the charity and we hope to *conspire / inspire* others to give money to the charity when they read our *tale / story*." He added: "We've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised will go *towards / forwards* helping to support *them / those* with cancer and their families."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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nc _p_n _ t_m_, _ w_m_n dr__m_d _f g_tt_ng
m_rr__d _n _ f__ry t_l_ w_dd_ng. F_r _n Br_t_sh
w_m_n, h_r dr__m c_m_ tr__ . _m_nd_ G_bbs, 44,
m_rr__d h_r f__ncé _f __ght y__rs _n S_t_rdy _n _
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ch_r_ct_rs. Th_ g__st l_st _ncl_d_d fr__nds _nd f_m_ly
dr_ss_d _s B_zz L_ghty__r, th_ G_ng_rbr__d M_n, Sn_w
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th_ kn_t _n tr_ly _nf_rg_tt_bl_ f_sh__n.

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_sk_d th__r g__sts n_t t_ b_y th_m _ny w_dd_ng
pr_s_nts, b_t t_ d_n_t_ th_ m_n_y t_ _c_nc_r
r_s__rch ch_r_ty _nst__d. Th_y h_d b_th l_st fr__nds
t_c_nc_r. Th_ gr__m, N_th_n G_bbs, t_ld r_p_rts:
"W_ th__ght _t w__ld b__ gr__t_d__t_r__s m_n_y
f_r C_nc_r R_s__rch. __r g__sts _r_ _ll m_k_ng
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_th_rs t_ g_v_ m_n_y t_ th_ ch_r_ty wh_n th_y r__d
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_nd _t's f_nt_st_c_t_ th_nk th_ m_n_y r__s_d_w_ll g_
t_w_rds h_lp_ng t_ s_pp_r_t th_s_ w_th c_nc_r _nd
th__r f_m_l__s."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131226-fairy-tale-wedding.html>

once upon a time a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding for one british woman her dream came true amanda gibbs 44 married her fiancé of eight years on saturday in a ceremony that was nothing but fairy tale the happy couple painted themselves green to look like the animation characters shrek and princess fiona they also donned costumes based on the attire worn by the characters the guest list included friends and family dressed as buzz lightyear the gingerbread man snow white and minnie mouse the couple wanted a day to remember that was a little out of the ordinary they stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the knot in truly unforgettable fashion

the wedding also had a serious side to it they decided to use it to raise money for charity they asked their guests not to buy them any wedding presents but to donate the money to a cancer research charity instead they had both lost friends to cancer the groom nathan gibbs told reporters "we thought it would be a great idea to raise money for cancer research our guests are all making donations to the charity and we hope to inspire others to give money to the charity when they read our story" he added "we've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised will go towards helping to support those with cancer and their families"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Once upon a time, a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding. For one British woman, her dream came true. Amanda Gibbs, 44, married her fiancé on Saturday in a ceremony that was nothing but a fairy tale. The happy couple painted themselves green to look like the animation characters Shrek and Princess Fiona. They also donned costumes based on the attire worn by the characters. The guest list included friends and family dressed as Buzz Lightyear, the Gingerbread Man, Snow White and Minnie Mouse. The couple wanted a day to remember that was a little out of the ordinary. They stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the knot in a truly unforgettable fashion. The wedding also had a serious side to it. They decided to use it to raise money for charity. They asked their guests not to buy them many wedding presents, but to donate the money to a cancer research charity instead. They had both lost friends to cancer. The groom, Nathan Gibbs, told reporters: "We thought it would be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are all making donations to the charity and we hope to inspire others to give money to the charity when they read our story." He added: "We've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised will go towards helping to support those with cancer and their families."

FREE WRITING

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Write about **weddings** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Marriage ceremonies should always be followed in a traditional fashion. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about fairy tale weddings. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WEDDINGS: Make a poster about weddings. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FAIRY TALE: Write a magazine article about a fairy tale wedding. Include imaginary interviews with the bride and groom.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a wedding arranger. Ask him/her three questions about weddings. Give him/her three ideas for a fairy tale wedding. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c T d F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. came true | a. was realised |
| 2. nothing but | b. purely |
| 3. donned | c. wore |
| 4. attire | d. clothes |
| 5. tie the knot | e. get married |
| 6. raise | f. collect |
| 7. donate | g. give |
| 8. inspire | h. motivate |
| 9. fantastic | i. wonderful |
| 10. support | j. provide for |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Once upon a time
2. It came true
3. Eight years
4. Animation characters
5. Tie the knot
6. A serious one
7. Donate to charity
8. They died of cancer
9. Give to charity
10. Fantastic

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)