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23 million men married before they were 15

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

UNICEF has issued a report on the number of boys who get married around the world. It estimates that 115 million boys and men were married as children. Of these, one in five, or 23 million, were married before the age of 15. The report is UNICEF's first ever in-depth study of child grooms. UNICEF said a lot of news focuses on young girls being forced into marriage as child brides. The new report looks at the same problem of forced marriage but with boys. The UN agency looked at data from 82 countries. It found that child marriage among boys is common in countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and nations in the Pacific. The Central African Republic has the highest rate of child grooms.

UNICEF commented on the damage child marriage does to boys. It said: "Marriage steals childhood. Child grooms are forced to take on adult responsibilities for which they may not be ready. Early marriage brings early fatherhood, and with it added pressure to provide for a family, cutting short education and job opportunities." UNICEF spoke about the harm child marriage does to boys and girls. It said: "When we think about child marriage we often think about girls, and rightly so because girls are most affected, but boys do marry in childhood." It added: "[Child marriage] creates a burden for boys to take on adult responsibilities and roles when they are still children themselves, like providing for a family."

Sources: <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/115-million-boys-and-men-around-world-married-children-unicef>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/child-grooms-unicef-boys-men-marriage-children-a8947296.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/jun/07/its-not-just-girls-one-in-30-young-men-were-married-as-children>

WARM-UPS

1. CHILD GROOMS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about child grooms. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

report / married / estimates / study / child / groom / bride / UNESCO / common / childhood / responsibilities / pressure / fatherhood / opportunities / burden / family

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

3. ILLEGAL: Students A **strongly** believe marriage should be illegal under the age of 20; Students B **strongly** believe this is too high. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AGE: From what age should people be allowed to do these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Age	Why?
Get married		
Join the army		
Vote		
Smoke		
Get a credit card		
Be a politician		

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

6. CHILDHOOD: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about childhood at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- toys
- candies
- school
- no job
- friends
- living at home
- freedom
- growing up

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. issued | a. Roughly calculates or judges the value, number, quantity, or extent of something. |
| 2. estimates | b. A man on his wedding day or just before and after the event. |
| 3. in-depth | c. Supplied or distributed something; formally send out or make known. |
| 4. groom | d. Made someone do something against their will. |
| 5. bride | e. A woman on her wedding day or just before and after the event. |
| 6. forced | f. Happening, found, or done often. |
| 7. common | g. Completely and fully. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. steals | h. Supplying enough money to look after people. |
| 9. responsibilities | i. Damage or hurt the health of. |
| 10. pressure | j. Influenced or touched by an external factor. |
| 11. harm | k. Takes another person's property without permission and without planning to give it back. |
| 12. affected | l. The duties we have; the important things in life we have to do. |
| 13. burden | m. The main responsibility for achieving an aim or task. |
| 14. providing | n. The use of power to make someone do something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

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

- a. UNICEF said 115 million men got married when they were children. **T / F**
- b. The UNICEF report is its third in-depth report on child grooms. **T / F**
- c. UNICEF looked at data from 82 countries. **T / F**
- d. The Central African Republic has the highest rate of child grooms. **T / F**
- e. UNICEF said childhood steals marriage. **T / F**
- f. UNICEF said many child grooms become fathers too early. **T / F**
- g. The UNICEF report didn't mention anything about girls marrying. **T / F**
- h. UNICEF said child grooms don't have a burden to provide for a family. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. estimates | a. ending |
| 2. in-depth | b. statistics |
| 3. focuses | c. feeding |
| 4. data | d. detailed |
| 5. rate | e. harm |
| 6. damage | f. impacted |
| 7. responsibilities | g. calculates |
| 8. cutting short | h. duties |
| 9. affected | i. concentrates |
| 10. providing for | j. percentage |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. UNICEF has issued | a. education |
| 2. UNICEF's first ever in- | b. common |
| 3. forced | c. does to boys |
| 4. child marriage among boys is | d. a report |
| 5. The Central African Republic has the highest | e. affected |
| 6. the damage child marriage | f. depth study |
| 7. added pressure to provide | g. responsibilities |
| 8. cutting short | h. rate of child grooms |
| 9. girls are most | i. for a family |
| 10. take on adult | j. marriage |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

UNICEF has issued a (1) _____ on the number of boys who get married around the world. It (2) _____ that 115 million boys and men were married as children. Of (3) _____, one in five, or 23 million, were married before the age of 15. The report is UNICEF's first ever in-(4) _____ study of child grooms. UNICEF said a lot of news (5) _____ on young girls being forced into marriage as child brides. The new report looks at the same problem of forced marriage but with boys. The UN agency looked at (6) _____ from 82 countries. It found that child marriage among boys is (7) _____ in countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and nations in the Pacific. The Central African Republic has the highest (8) _____ of child grooms.

depth
data
report
rate
these
common
estimates
focuses

UNICEF commented on the (9) _____ child marriage does to boys. It said: "Marriage (10) _____ childhood. Child grooms are forced to take on (11) _____ responsibilities for which they may not be ready. Early marriage brings (12) _____ fatherhood, and with it added pressure to provide for a family, cutting (13) _____ education and job opportunities." UNICEF spoke about the harm child marriage does to boys and girls. It said: "When we think about child marriage we often think about girls, and (14) _____ so because girls are most affected, but boys do marry in childhood." It added: "[Child marriage] creates a (15) _____ for boys to take on adult responsibilities and roles when they are still children themselves, like (16) _____ for a family."

adult
short
burden
damage
providing
early
steals
rightly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) UNICEF has issued a report on the number of boys who get married _____
 - a. abound the world
 - b. around a world
 - c. around the world
 - d. abound a world
- 2) It estimates that 115 million boys and men were _____
 - a. married has children
 - b. married as children
 - c. married was children
 - d. married 'twas children
- 3) The report is UNICEF's first ever in-depth study _____
 - a. of child grooms
 - b. of child groom
 - c. of child gloom
 - d. of child groans
- 4) The UN agency looked at _____ 82 countries
 - a. beta from
 - b. day to from
 - c. date a from
 - d. data from
- 5) The Central African Republic has the highest rate _____
 - a. off child grooms
 - b. if child grooms
 - c. as child grooms
 - d. of child grooms
- 6) UNICEF commented on the damage child marriage _____
 - a. does to buoy
 - b. does to buoys
 - c. does two boys
 - d. does to boys
- 7) marriage steals childhood. Child grooms are forced to _____ responsibilities
 - a. takes on adult
 - b. take on adults
 - c. takes on adults
 - d. take on adult
- 8) Early marriage brings early fatherhood, and with it added pressure to _____ family
 - a. provide from a
 - b. provide for a
 - c. provide flora
 - d. provide fauna
- 9) we often think about girls, and rightly so because girls _____
 - a. are most affected
 - b. are most afflicted
 - c. are most affecting
 - d. are most reflected
- 10) Child marriage] creates a burden for boys to take on adult responsibilities _____
 - a. end rolls
 - b. and rolls
 - c. end roles
 - d. and roles

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

1. How many boys and men does UNICEF believe were married as children?
2. What is the ratio of boys who got married before the age of 15?
3. How many in-depth studies into child grooms had UNICEF done before?
4. How many countries did UNICEF look at for its report?
5. Which country has the highest rate of child grooms?
6. What did UNICEF say child marriage does to childhood?
7. What kind of responsibilities did UNICEF say child grooms take on?
8. What did UNICEF say child grooms are under pressure to provide for?
9. Who did UNICEF say was most affected by child marriages?
10. What did UNICEF say creates a burden for boys?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

- 1) How many boys and men does UNICEF believe were married as children?
 - a) 150 million
 - b) 115 million
 - c) 23 million
 - d) 15 million
- 2) What is the ratio of boys who got married before the age of 15?
 - a) one in three
 - b) one in ten
 - c) one in four
 - d) one in five
- 3) How many in-depth studies into child grooms had UNICEF done before?
 - a) 3
 - b) 1
 - c) 0
 - d) 2
- 4) How many countries did UNICEF look at for its report?
 - a) 82
 - b) 62
 - c) 102
 - d) 112
- 5) Which country has the highest rate of child grooms?
 - a) Belgium
 - b) Central African Republic
 - c) Bolivia
 - d) Fiji
- 6) What did UNICEF say child marriage does to childhood?
 - a) steals it
 - b) ages it
 - c) makes it older
 - d) improves it
- 7) What kind of responsibilities did UNICEF say child grooms take on?
 - a) heavy responsibilities
 - b) unacceptable responsibilities
 - c) adult responsibilities
 - d) national responsibilities
- 8) What did UNICEF say child grooms are under pressure to provide for?
 - a) a family
 - b) themselves
 - c) the community
 - d) the country
- 9) Who did UNICEF say was most affected by child marriages?
 - a) babies
 - b) teenage boys
 - c) pre-teen boys
 - d) girls
- 10) What did UNICEF say creates a burden for boys?
 - a) families
 - b) countries
 - c) child marriage
 - d) schoolwork

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

Role A – Toys

You think toys are the best thing about childhood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): school, friends or growing up.

Role B – School

You think school is the best thing about childhood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): toys, friends or growing up.

Role C – Friends

You think friends are the best thing about childhood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): school, toys or growing up.

Role D – Growing Up

You think growing up is the best thing about childhood. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): school, friends or toys.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

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

child	groom
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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">• issued• 23• first• new• 82• rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• steals• ready• pressure• think• burden• still
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CHILD GROOMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about child grooms 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.

CHILD GROOMS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'child'?
3. What do you know about UNICEF?
4. What do you know about child grooms?
5. What is the youngest age at which people can get married?
6. What would it be like to be married as a child?
7. What should countries do to stop child marriages?
8. Why are young boys forced into marriage?
9. Is the legal age to marry in your country OK?
10. What advice do you have for child grooms?

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CHILD GROOMS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'groom'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about child brides?
15. What damage does marrying as a child do to children?
16. What is a good age for anyone to get married?
17. Should there be different ages for men and women to marry?
18. What can UNICEF do to prevent child marriages?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask UNICEF?

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) to | (b) at | (c) in | (d) on |
| 2. | (a) has | (b) 'twas | (c) was | (d) as |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) from | (d) for |
| 4. | (a) bides | (b) bridles | (c) brides | (d) bids |
| 5. | (a) numerals | (b) statistic | (c) data | (d) figure |
| 6. | (a) rate | (b) rated | (c) pro rata | (d) rat |
| 7. | (a) thief | (b) steals | (c) pickpocket | (d) robbing |
| 8. | (a) marriage | (b) marry | (c) married | (d) marries |
| 9. | (a) long | (b) short | (c) high | (d) low |
| 10. | (a) harmful | (b) harming | (c) harm | (d) harmed |
| 11. | (a) that | (b) such | (c) so | (d) this |
| 12. | (a) season | (b) importance | (c) stuff | (d) burden |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

Paragraph 1

1. It teimsstea that 115 million boys...
2. UNICEF's first ever ni-hpdte study
3. a lot of news euofscs on young girls
4. the same problem of rofedc marriage
5. child marriage among boys is omconm
6. the ieshhtg rate of child grooms

Paragraph 2

7. the agmade child marriage does
8. added erusspre to
9. cutting short tounciade
10. girls are most dfcftaee
11. child marriage creates a edrnub for boys
12. pvrnoiigd for a family

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () think about girls, and rightly so because girls are most affected, but boys do marry
- () and roles when they are still children themselves, like providing for a family."
- () among boys is common in countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and nations in
- () on young girls being forced into marriage as child brides. The new report looks at the same problem of forced
- (**1**) UNICEF has issued a report on the number of boys who get married around the world. It estimates that 115 million boys
- () about the harm child marriage does to boys and girls. It said: "When we think about child marriage we often
- () in childhood." It added: "[Child marriage] creates a burden for boys to take on adult responsibilities
- () the Pacific. The Central African Republic has the highest rate of child grooms.
- () fatherhood, and with it added pressure to provide for a family, cutting short education and job opportunities." UNICEF spoke
- () forced to take on adult responsibilities for which they may not be ready. Early marriage brings early
- () marriage but with boys. The UN agency looked at data from 82 countries. It found that child marriage
- () UNICEF commented on the damage child marriage does to boys. It said: "Marriage steals childhood. Child grooms are
- () age of 15. The report is UNICEF's first ever in-depth study of child grooms. UNICEF said a lot of news focuses
- () and men were married as children. Of these, one in five, or 23 million, were married before the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

1. report a on the boys . Issued number of
2. age the before Millions of married 15 . were
3. in-depth study grooms . UNICEF's child of first ever
4. news young girls . A lot focuses of on
5. in countries . boys is African among common Marriage
6. responsibilities . grooms to on forced adult Child take
7. a provide Added to family . for pressure
8. harm child about marriage UNICEF the spoke does .
9. marry . are most affected, boys Girls do but
10. take on for boys to responsibilities . burden A

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

UNICEF has *issued / issuing* a report on the number of boys who get married around the world. It *estimate / estimates* that 115 million boys and men were *marriage / married* as children. Of *these / them*, one in five, or 23 million, were married before the age of 15. The report is UNICEF's first ever in-depth *studious / study* of child grooms. UNICEF said a lot of news focuses on young girls being forced *onto / into* marriage as child brides. The new report looks at the same *problematic / problem* of forced marriage but with boys. The UN agency looked at data *from / for* 82 countries. It found that child marriage among boys is common *on / in* countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and nations in the Pacific. The Central African Republic has the highest *rate / rated* of child grooms.

UNICEF *commented / commentary* on the damage child marriage does to boys. It said: "Marriage steals *child / childhood*. Child grooms are forced to take on adult responsibilities for *what / which* they may not be ready. Early marriage brings early *fatherhood / father*, and with it added pressure to provide for a family, cutting *shortening / short* education and job opportunities." UNICEF spoke about the *harms / harm* child marriage does to boys and girls. It said: "When we think about child marriage we often think about girls, and *right / rightly* so because girls are most affected, but boys do marry *in / on* childhood." It added: "[Child marriage] creates a burden for boys to take *on / off* adult responsibilities and roles when they are still children themselves, like *provides / providing* for a family."

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms.html>

unicef has issued a report on the number of boys who get married around the world it estimates that 115 million boys and men were married as children of these one in five or 23 million were married before the age of 15 the report is unicefs first ever indepth study of child grooms unicef said a lot of news focuses on young girls being forced into marriage as child brides the new report looks at the same problem of forced marriage but with boys the un agency looked at data from 82 countries it found that child marriage among boys is common in countries in africa latin america asia and nations in the pacific the central african republic has the highest rate of child grooms unicef commented on the damage child marriage does to boys it said marriage steals childhood child grooms are forced to take on adult responsibilities for which they may not be ready early marriage brings early fatherhood and with it added pressure to provide for a family cutting short education and job opportunities unicef spoke about the harm child marriage does to boys and girls it said when we think about child marriage we often think about girls and rightly so because girls are most affected but boys do marry in childhood it added child marriage creates a burden for boys to take on adult responsibilities and roles when they are still children themselves like providing for a family"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Countries that allow child marriage should be fined. 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHILD GROOMS: Make a poster about child grooms. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. UNICEF: Write a magazine article about UNICEF being able to affect governments' laws. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on child grooms. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reverse this situation. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. estimates | a. calculates |
| 2. in-depth | b. detailed |
| 3. focuses | c. concentrates |
| 4. data | d. statistics |
| 5. rate | e. percentage |
| 6. damage | f. harm |
| 7. responsibilities | g. duties |
| 8. cutting short | h. ending |
| 9. affected | i. impacted |
| 10. providing for | j. feeding |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 115 million
- One in five
- None
- 82
- Central African Republic
- Steals it
- Adult responsibilities
- A family
- Girls
- Child marriage

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Issued a report on the number of boys.
- Millions were married before the age of 15.
- UNICEF's first ever in-depth study of child grooms.
- A lot of news focuses on young girls.
- Marriage among boys is common in African countries.
- Child grooms forced to take on adult responsibilities.
- Added pressure to provide for a family.
- UNICEF spoke about the harm child marriage does.
- Girls are most affected, but boys do marry.
- A burden for boys to take on responsibilities.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)