

## Prince Charles to remarry (Fri 11 Feb) Pre-Intermediate +

### WARM UPS

**CHAT:** Talk in pairs or groups about the Prince Charles / Princess Diana / British Royal scandal and gossip / Royal weddings / kings / wedding days / honeymoons...

To make things more dynamic, try telling your students they only have one minute (or 2) on each chat topic before changing topics / partners. Change topic / partner frequently to energize the class.

**CHARLES BRAINSTORM:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with Prince Charles. Share your words with your partner / group and talk about them.

**MY COUNTRY'S ROYALS:** Talk to your partner / group about the Royal (or important) families in your country. What similarities / differences do they have with the British royals?

**BEING A KING/QUEEN:** Talk to your partner / group about being the king/queen of a country. Together, write down five advantages and five disadvantages of being a king/queen. Change partners / groups and share your advantages and disadvantages. Change a third or fourth time. Return to your original partner / group and explain what you heard from other students.

**OPINIONS:** Talk to your partner about the following opinions on the upcoming Royal wedding:

- a. It's wonderful news.
- b. Prince Charles should not marry Camilla because she will never be Princess Diana.
- c. I'm fed up with hearing about Charles and Camilla.
- d. Camilla should be able to become queen.
- e. Just another story about the crazy British Royal family.
- f. If Charles marries Camilla, he should not become king.
- g. It's terrible they have been in love since 1970.
- h. If two divorced people want to marry, whose business is it?
- i. I wish the happy couple all the best for their future together.
- j. If I were Princes William or Harry, I'd be really angry.
- k. Another person the British taxpayer has to give its money to. No thank you.

## PRE READING EXERCISES

**WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionaries, or a search engine, to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... of the words 'public' and 'interest'.

**TRUE / FALSE:** Predict from the headline whether these statements are true or false:

- a. Prince Charles is marrying his 30-year-old lover. T / F
- b. Prince Charles is going to tie the knot for a second time. T / F
- c. British people are wildly enthusiastic about this news. T / F
- d. A third of British people are fed up with hearing Royal news. T / F
- e. Princes William and Harry are both delighted. T / F
- f. It'll be a white wedding. T / F
- g. Camilla will be known as Princess Camilla after the wedding. T / F
- h. The happy day is set for April 8. T / F

**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| (a) announced           | fiancée / fiance |
| (b) intended            | get married      |
| (c) intense             | disapproves of   |
| (d) walk down the aisle | divided          |
| (e) tie the knot        | proclaimed       |
| (f) split               | nuptials         |
| (g) fed up              | high pressure    |
| (h) frowns upon         | get married      |
| (i) ceremony            | breakdown        |
| (j) break-up            | bored            |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases based on the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| (a) Prince Charles announced     | aisle                                    |
| (b) his lover                    | against Charles' relationship            |
| (c) After years of intense       | up with Royal stories                    |
| (d) walk down the                | upon divorced people remarrying          |
| (e) totally fed                  | Camilla for the break-up of her marriage |
| (f) traditional church           | public interest                          |
| (g) the Church of England frowns | of 30 years                              |
| (h) Many people were originally  | his engagement                           |
| (i) Princess Diana blamed        | day                                      |
| (j) The happy                    | wedding                                  |

### **GAP FILL**

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**DISCUSSION:** Ask each other the following questions:

- a. What do you think of the news of Prince Charles engagement?
- b. Do you like Prince Charles?
- c. Is he a handsome Prince?
- d. Did you like Princess Diana?
- e. The Church of England does not accept divorced people remarrying if an ex-partner is still alive. What do you think of this?
- f. Should Camilla become queen (British law says she can't)?
- g. What do you think of the British Royal family?
- h. British newspapers are forever making fun of the Royal family. Could this happen in your country?
- i. Who should be the next king of England, Prince Charles or Prince William?
- j. Do you agree with the idea of a Royal family?
- k. Would you like to marry into a royal family?
- l. Would you like to be king / queen of your country?
- m. Many people in Britain regard the Royal family as a joke. Do you understand this?
- n. When do you want to (did you) tie the knot?
- o. Which people in your country are you fed up with seeing on TV every day / week?
- p. Where would you like to (did you) go on honeymoon?
- q. Teacher / Student additional questions.

## **HOMEWORK**

**LETTER TO CHARLES:** Write a letter to HRH Prince Charles telling him your thoughts on the announcement of his engagement.

**FIRST DAY ON THE JOB:** Write your diary / journal entry for your first day of your new part-time job of being king/queen of England.

## INTERNET / WEB LINKS:

The Prince Charles home page:

<http://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/>

Prince Charles' personal charity:

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel – the Wedding location:

<http://www.windsor.gov.uk/attractions/castle.htm>

BBC Story - "Charles: A modern prince":

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4253003.stm>

The Royal family – discussions, info, gossip, chat ...:

<http://www.etoile.co.uk/Royal.html>

Read what the world is saying. Add your opinions on this BBC site:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking\\_point/4252851.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking_point/4252851.stm)

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