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Mass wedding goes ahead in Korea despite coronavirus

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

Six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus deter them from celebrating their happy day. The multiple brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea's Unification Church on Friday, in spite of the health scare from the coronavirus in neighbouring China. The couples jetted in from sixty countries around the world to attend their wedding. The newlyweds were joined by 24,000 guests; some renewing their marriage vows and others watching friends and family tie the knot. The church seemed well prepared for such a large-scale event as staff handed out hand sanitizer and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the temperature of the couples.

The Unification Church is famous for holding the mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 by self-declared messiah Sun Myung Moon. The communal weddings started in 1961 and have seen hundreds of thousands of couples walk down the aisle. In many cases, the bride and groom had been matched and met for the first time at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying amid the global spread of the coronavirus. He told the Reuters news agency: "I'm very happy to attend this deeply blessed joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe side." A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be beautiful for my husband."

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-51414560>

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, 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?

couples / happy day / bride / groom / health scare / wedding / marriage vows / masks
famous / messiah / walk down the aisle / tie the knot / blessed / coronavirus / safe

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

3. MARRIAGE: Students A **strongly** believe marriage is for life; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WEDDING VOWS: What vows should couples make to each other on their wedding day? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Vows	Why?
Money		
Housework		
Social life		
Family		
Smartphone		
Old age		

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

6. BRIDE AND GROOM: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about being the bride or groom at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Clothes
- Flowers
- Presents
- Vows
- Photos
- Cake
- The kiss
- Family

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. deter | a. A large number of people or objects crowded together. |
| 2. multiple | b. Discourage someone from doing something through doubt or fear of the consequences. |
| 3. mass | c. Cause great fear or nervousness in; frighten. |
| 4. scare | d. Arrived by airplane. |
| 5. jetted in | e. Numerous and often varied. |
| 6. vows | f. A liquid or cloth to make things clean and hygienic. |
| 7. sanitizer | g. A set of promises made when getting married, joining a religious order or following a course of action. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. messiah | h. The space between rows of seats in a building such as a church or theater, an airplane, or a train. |
| 9. aisle | i. Made holy. |
| 10. newlywed | j. A leader or savior of a particular group or cause. |
| 11. amid | k. A recently married person. |
| 12. blessed | l. Shared, held, or made by two or more people, parties, or organizations together. |
| 13. joint | m. Surrounded by; in the middle of. |
| 14. the safe side | n. The option that has security against risks. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

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

- a. Six thousand couples got married at a mass wedding. **T / F**
- b. The wedding took place in the capital city of North Korea. **T / F**
- c. Couples from sixteen different countries were married at the ceremony. **T / F**
- d. The church ran out of surgical masks to give the guests. **T / F**
- e. The mass weddings have been taking place since the early 1960s. **T / F**
- f. Sometimes, the bride and groom meet for the first time at the wedding. **T / F**
- g. A groom said he wore a mask to be on the safe side. **T / F**
- h. A bride did not wear a mask so her new husband could kiss her. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. deter | a. conducting |
| 2. attended | b. out of harm's way |
| 3. mass | c. promises |
| 4. vows | d. joint |
| 5. sanitizer | e. large-scale |
| 6. holding | f. get married |
| 7. communal | g. discourage |
| 8. walk down the aisle | h. fortunate |
| 9. blessed | i. sterilizer |
| 10. on the safe side | j. were present at |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. in spite of the health scare | a. vows |
| 2. some renewing their marriage | b. spread of the coronavirus |
| 3. The church seemed well prepared for such | c. the mass weddings |
| 4. hand sanitizer and | d. from the coronavirus |
| 5. They also checked the temperature | e. the aisle |
| 6. famous for holding | f. surgical masks |
| 7. couples walk down | g. groom |
| 8. the bride and | h. of the couples |
| 9. marrying amid the global | i. the safe side |
| 10. I wore a mask to be on | j. a large-scale event |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/2020211-mass-wedding.html>

Six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus (1) _____ them from celebrating their happy day. The (2) _____ brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea's Unification Church on Friday, in (3) _____ of the health scare from the coronavirus in neighbouring China. The couples (4) _____ in from sixty countries around the world to attend their wedding. The newlyweds were joined by 24,000 guests; some renewing their marriage (5) _____ and others watching friends and family tie the (6) _____. The church seemed well prepared for such a large-scale event as staff handed out hand (7) _____ and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the (8) _____ of the couples.

spite
temperature
vows
deter
sanitizer
jetted
multiple
knot

The Unification Church is famous for (9) _____ the mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 by self-declared (10) _____ Sun Myung Moon. The communal weddings started in 1961 and have seen hundreds of thousands of couples walk down the (11) _____. In many cases, the bride and (12) _____ had been matched and met for the first time at the (13) _____. One newlywed spoke about marrying (14) _____ the global spread of the coronavirus. He told the Reuters news agency: "I'm very happy to attend this deeply (15) _____ joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe (16) _____." A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be beautiful for my husband."

groom
amid
messiah
side
holding
ceremony
aisle
blessed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

- 1) Six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus _____
 - a. defer them
 - b. deter them
 - c. ditto them
 - d. dater them
- 2) The multiple brides and grooms attended a mass _____
 - a. wedding ceremony
 - b. wed in ceremony
 - c. wed din ceremony
 - d. weeding ceremony
- 3) The couples jetted in from sixty countries around the world _____ wedding
 - a. tour tend their
 - b. to attend their
 - c. tier tend their
 - d. two attend their
- 4) renewing their marriage vows and others watching friends and family _____
 - a. try the clot
 - b. time the not
 - c. tie the knot
 - d. tier the gnat
- 5) prepared for such a large-scale event as staff handed out hand sanitizer and _____
 - a. surgical masks
 - b. surgically masks
 - c. surgery masks
 - d. sugary masks
- 6) The Unification Church is famous for holding the _____
 - a. mast weddings
 - b. massive weddings
 - c. masses weddings
 - d. mass weddings
- 7) started in 1961 and have seen hundreds of thousands of couples walk _____
 - a. down the I'll
 - b. down the aisle
 - c. down the all
 - d. down the ail
- 8) I'm very happy to attend this deeply _____ wedding
 - a. blessed joints
 - b. blessed jointly
 - c. blessed joint
 - d. blessed jointed
- 9) Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on _____
 - a. the safely side
 - b. the safe side
 - c. the strafe side
 - d. the suave side
- 10) A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put _____"
 - a. on a masked
 - b. on a marks
 - c. on a max
 - d. on a mask

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus (1) _____ celebrating their happy day. The multiple brides and grooms (2) _____ wedding ceremony in South Korea's Unification Church on Friday, in spite of the (3) _____ the coronavirus in neighbouring China. The couples jetted in from sixty countries around the world to attend their wedding. The (4) _____ by 24,000 guests; some renewing their marriage vows and others watching friends and family (5) _____. The church seemed well prepared for such a large-scale event as staff handed (6) _____ and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the temperature of the couples.

The Unification Church is (7) _____ the mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 by self-declared messiah Sun Myung Moon. (8) _____ started in 1961 and have seen hundreds of thousands of couples walk (9) _____. In many cases, the bride and groom had been matched and met for the first time at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying (10) _____ spread of the coronavirus. He told the Reuters news agency: "I'm very happy to attend (11) _____ joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe side." A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to (12) _____ my husband."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/202011-mass-wedding.html>

1. How many people got married?
2. How many different countries were the guests from?
3. How many guests attended the mass wedding?
4. What did the church hand out besides surgical masks?
5. What did the church check about the couples?
6. When was the Unification Church founded?
7. What started in 1961?
8. Where did the article say hundreds of thousands of couples had walked?
9. Why did a groom wear a mask?
10. Who did one woman want to be beautiful for?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

- 1) How many people got married?
 - a) 60,000
 - b) 6,000
 - c) 12,000
 - d) 32,000
- 2) How many different countries were the guests from?
 - a) 60
 - b) 50
 - c) 40
 - d) 30
- 3) How many guests attended the mass wedding?
 - a) 24,000
 - b) 42,000
 - c) 32,000
 - d) 23,000
- 4) What did the church hand out besides surgical masks?
 - a) Bibles
 - b) hand sanitizers
 - c) crosses
 - d) garlic
- 5) What did the church check about the couples?
 - a) their wedding vows
 - b) their passports
 - c) their age
 - d) their temperature
- 6) When was the Unification Church founded?
 - a) 1902
 - b) 1954
 - c) 1980
 - d) 1930
- 7) What started in 1961?
 - a) mass weddings
 - b) the church's TV channel
 - c) the Korean Olympics
 - d) the use of English in Korean churches
- 8) Where did the article say hundreds of thousands of couples had walked?
 - a) to the other side
 - b) to heaven
 - c) down the aisle
 - d) up a mountain
- 9) Why did a groom wear a mask?
 - a) to go off the rails
 - b) to walk the line
 - c) to live life on the edge
 - d) to be on the safe side
- 10) Who did one woman want to be beautiful for?
 - a) her husband
 - b) herself
 - c) her mother
 - d) everyone

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

Role A – Clothes

You think clothes are the best thing about being the bride or groom. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): flowers, cake or presents.

Role B – Flowers

You think flowers are the best thing about being the bride or groom. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): clothes, cake or presents.

Role C – Cake

You think cake is the best thing about being the bride or groom. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): flowers, clothes or presents.

Role D – Presents

You think presents are the best thing about being the bride or groom. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): flowers, cake or clothes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

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

mass	wedding

- 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">• decided• multiple• scare• vows• tie• hand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• famous• 1954• aisle• amid• deeply• husband
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WEDDINGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-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)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'bride'?
3. What do you think about mass weddings?
4. What kind of wedding is best?
5. What is the meaning of marriage?
6. Is getting married the happiest day of your life?
7. Should the wedding have taken place amid the coronavirus threat?
8. How worried are you about the coronavirus?
9. Why is marriage called 'tying the knot' in English?
10. What precautions are you taking against coronavirus?

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WEDDINGS 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. Are mass weddings better than single weddings?
15. How does it feel to walk down the aisle?
16. What would it be like to marry someone you have just met?
17. What kind of wedding would you really like?
18. What wedding vows should people make?
19. Should public events be cancelled because of coronavirus?
20. What questions would you like to ask one of the newlyweds?

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) defer | (b) deter | (c) detail | (d) detain |
| 2. | (a) addition | (b) multiple | (c) subtraction | (d) division |
| 3. | (a) spot | (b) spat | (c) spate | (d) spite |
| 4. | (a) rows | (b) vows | (c) wows | (d) bows |
| 5. | (a) string | (b) knot | (c) cord | (d) tangle |
| 6. | (a) surgeon | (b) surgery | (c) surgical | (d) surge |
| 7. | (a) folding | (b) scolding | (c) holding | (d) wielding |
| 8. | (a) all | (b) ail | (c) aisle | (d) hail |
| 9. | (a) middling | (b) middle | (c) mid | (d) amid |
| 10. | (a) joint | (b) joined | (c) joiner | (d) joinery |
| 11. | (a) side | (b) edge | (c) rim | (d) border |
| 12. | (a) bridesmaid | (b) bridal | (c) bride | (d) bridle |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/202011-mass-wedding.html>

Paragraph 1

1. lulieptm brides and grooms
2. a mass wedding cermyone
3. renewing their marriage vsw
4. hand retiazisn
5. calsigru masks
6. They also checked the tmteeaurrp

Paragraph 2

7. self-declared eiasmhs
8. The mcumanol weddings
9. couples walk down the aeils
10. One lwndewye spoke about marrying
11. I'm very happy to adtetn this
12. deeply sesdbel

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/2020211-mass-wedding.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in from sixty countries around the world to attend their wedding. The newlyweds were joined
- () The Unification Church is famous for holding the mass weddings. It was founded
- () of the coronavirus. He told the Reuters news agency: "I'm very happy to attend this deeply
- () hundreds of thousands of couples walk down the aisle. In many cases, the bride and groom had been matched and met
- () by 24,000 guests; some renewing their marriage vows and others watching friends and family tie the
- () and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the temperature of the couples.
- () blessed joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe
- () side." A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be beautiful for my husband."
- () knot. The church seemed well prepared for such a large-scale event as staff handed out hand sanitizer
- () day. The multiple brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea's Unification Church
- () for the first time at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying amid the global spread
- () on Friday, in spite of the health scare from the coronavirus in neighbouring China. The couples jetted
- (**1**) Six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus deter them from celebrating their happy
- () in 1954 by self-declared messiah Sun Myung Moon. The communal weddings started in 1961 and have seen

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

1. deter to let not them . the Decided coronavirus
2. and grooms ceremony . wedding a attended Brides mass
3. coronavirus the health spite scare of the from In .
4. such a prepared for event . Well large-scale
5. also of the checked temperature the couples . They
6. the aisle . down walk couples of Thousands
7. ceremony . the time the for at first Met
8. the amid coronavirus . of Marrying global the spread
9. attend joint this deeply to wedding . Happy blessed
10. mask safe be A on the to side .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

Six thousand couples *decided / decision* not to let the coronavirus *refer / deter* them from celebrating their happy day. The *multiply / multiple* brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea's Unification Church on Friday, in *spate / spite* of the health scare from the coronavirus in neighbouring China. The couples *jettisoned / jetted* in from sixty countries around the world to *attend / attentive* their wedding. The newlyweds were joined by 24,000 guests; some *renewing / knowing* their marriage *vows / vows* and others watching friends and family tie the knot. The church seemed well prepared for such a large-scale event as staff handed out hand *sanitizer / sanitation* and surgical masks to all *attendees / attendances*. They also checked the temperature of the couples.

The Unification Church is *famously / famous* for holding the mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 by self-declared *messiah / missive* Sun Myung Moon. The communal weddings started in 1961 and have *been / seen* hundreds of thousands of couples walk down the *stall / aisle*. In many cases, the bride and *groomed / groom* had been matched and met for the first time at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying *amid / mid* the global spread of the coronavirus. He told the Reuters news agency: "I'm very happy to attend this *depth / deeply* blessed joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going *abound / around* these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe *side / edge*." A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be *beautiful / beautification* for my husband."

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

S_x t h__ s_n d c__ p_l_s d_c_d_d n_t t_ l_t t h__
c_r_n_v_r_s d_t_r t h_m f_r_m c_l_b_r_t_n_g t h__ r
h_p_p_y d_y . T h_ m_l_t_p_l_ b_r_d_s _n_d g_r__ m_s
_t_t_n_d_d _ m_s_s w_d_d_n_g c_r_m_n_y _n S__ t h
K_r__ 's U_n_f_c_t__ n C h_r_c_h _n F_r_d_y , _n s
p_t_ _f t h_ h__ l_t h s_c_r_ f_r_m t h_ c_r_n_v_r_s
_n n__ g_h_b__ r_n_g C h_n_. T h_ c__ p_l_s j_t_t_d
_n f_r_m s_x_t_y c__ n_t_r__ s _r__ n_d t h_ w_r_l_d
t_ _t_t_n_d t h__ r w_d_d_n_g . T h_ n_w_l_y w_d_s
w_r_ j__ n_d b_y 2 4 , 0 0 0 g__ s_t_s ; s_m_
r_n_w_n_g t h__ r m_r_r__ g_ v_w_s _n_d _t_h_r_s w_t
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l_r_g_- s_c_l_ _v_n_t _s s_t_f_f h_n_d_d __ t h_n_d
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T_h_y _l_s_ c_h_c_k_d t h_ t_m_p_r_t_r_ _f t h_ c__ p
l_s .

T h_ U_n_f_c_t__ n C h_r_c_h _s f_m__ s f_r h_l_d_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200211-mass-wedding.html>

six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus deter them from celebrating their happy day the multiple brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in south koreas unification church on friday in spite of the health scare from the coronavirus in neighbouring china the couples jetted in from sixty countries around the world to attend their wedding the newlyweds were joined by 24000 guests some renewing their marriage vows and others watching friends and family tie the knot the church seemed well prepared for such a largescale event as staff handed out hand sanitizer and surgical masks to all attendees they also checked the temperature of the couples the unification church is famous for holding the mass weddings it was founded in 1954 by selfdeclared messiah sun myung moon the communal weddings started in 1961 and have seen hundreds of thousands of couples walk down the aisle in many cases the bride and groom had been matched and met for the first time at the ceremony one newlywed spoke about marrying amid the global spread of the coronavirus he told the reuters news agency im very happy to attend this deeply blessed joint wedding since coronavirus is going around these days i wore a mask to be on the safe side a 23yearold bride from benin said i didnt put on a mask because i wanted to be beautiful for my husband

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/2020211-mass-wedding.html>

Six thousand couples decided not to let the coronavirus deter them from celebrating their happy day. The multiple brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony in South Korea's Unification Church on Friday, in spite of the health scare from the coronavirus in neighbouring China. The couples jetted in from sixty countries around the world to attend their wedding. The newlyweds were joined by 24,000 guests; some renewing their marriage vows and others watching friends and family tie the knot. The church seemed well prepared for such a large scale event as staff handed out hand sanitizer and surgical masks to all attendees. They also checked the temperature of the couples. The Unification Church is famous for holding the mass weddings. It was founded in 1954 by self-declared messiah Sun Myung Moon. The communal weddings started in 1961 and have seen hundreds of thousands of couples walk down the aisle. In many cases, the bride and groom had been matched and met for the first time at the ceremony. One newlywed spoke about marrying amid the global spread of the coronavirus. He told the Reuters news agency: "I'm very happy to attend this deeply blessed joint wedding. Since coronavirus is going around these days, I wore a mask to be on the safe side." A 23-year-old bride from Benin said: "I didn't put on a mask because I wanted to be beautiful for my husband."

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

4. CORONAVIRUS: Write a magazine article about banning all public events until the coronavirus is no longer a threat. 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 mass weddings. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on mass weddings. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. j	3. e	4. c	5. i
6. a	7. d	8. f	9. h	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Twelve thousand
- Sixty
- 24,000
- Hand sanitizers
- Their temperature
- In 1954
- The mass weddings
- Down the aisle
- To be on the safe side
- Her husband

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Decided not to let the coronavirus deter them.
- Brides and grooms attended a mass wedding ceremony.
- In spite of the health scare from the coronavirus.
- Well prepared for such a large-scale event.
- They also checked the temperature of the couples.
- Thousands of couples walk down the aisle.
- Met for the first time at the ceremony.
- Marrying amid the global spread of the coronavirus.
- Happy to attend this deeply blessed joint wedding.
- A mask to be on the safe side.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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