

Discussion

1. How do couples meet in your country?
 2. How long do you think couples should know each other before they get married?
 3. Do couples live together before they get married in your country? Should they?
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1. What role do families/parents play in marriages in your country?
 1. Do they have a say in who their children marry?
 2. Do they determine what traditions are part of the wedding or who attends?
 3. How involved do you think parents should be in their child's marriage?
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1. What's the average size of the wedding party? How many guests are invited?
 2. How many days do the celebrations last? Are there special events leading up to the wedding day?
 3. Does the couple take a holiday after the wedding?
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1. Is it common in your country for people to marry someone from another culture or country?
2. Would you marry someone from another country?
3. What would be the challenges of intercultural marriage?

Vocabulary

[Hybrid](#)

Ritual (n)

akin (adj)

[kilt](#) (n)

Listening

1. What two cultures are being blended?
2. What was the easiest part of the wedding for them? Why?
3. How did they blend their cultures
 - a. in terms of food
 - b. in the wedding ceremony
4. Why was it important for them to blend the cultures at their wedding?

<http://www.cbc.ca/manitoba/eal/2011/02/trends-in-love-and-marriage.html>

Post-Listening Discussion Questions

1. What are your feelings about marriage?
 - Do you think getting married means giving up freedom?
 - Do you think people change after getting married?
 - Do you think marriage is necessary in order to be happy?
 - Do you think married people are happier than single people?

2. Do you think you could happily live your life alone?
3. What is required for a marriage to last?
4. How has marriage changed in your country over the years?
5. Can a relationship ever be 100% honest, or does every relationship need some form of lying? What degree of secrecy/dishonesty is acceptable in a marriage/relationship?