

A Bride Too Far?

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Activity 1

Discuss the difference between the following pairs of words.

Pair 1	bride	/	wife
Pair 2	groom	/	husband
Pair 3	wedding	/	marriage
Pair 4	separated	/	divorced
Pair 5	royal	/	monarch

Activity 2

Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Does your country have a royal (or 'first') family? If so, in what ways are they similar or different to the British royal family?
2. In your opinion, what is the point of a country having a royal family?
3. Would you like to be a king or a queen? Why/not? What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a monarch?
4. Would you like to marry into a royal family? Why/not?
5. If you were the king or queen of your country what changes would you introduce? How would you spend your time?
6. Do the media in your country pay particular attention to certain celebrities, such as the royal family? Which famous people would you like to see *less* of on television?
7. What do you think of the imminent marriage of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles?
8. In your country, is marriage a civil or religious arrangement? Can married couples get divorced? Can divorcees re-marry in a place of worship?
9. Should Prince Charles' behaviour be governed by his future role as head of the Church of England (which has strong views on adultery, divorce and remarriage)?
10. Do you think Camilla Parker-Bowles will take the place of Princess Diana? Why do you think the royal family has decided that Camilla will not take the title of 'Princess of Wales' or, eventually, 'Queen'? Could Camilla be the new Diana?
11. Some say that Prince Charles should not re-marry until the inquiry into Princess Diana's death is completed. Do you agree?
12. Should a member of the royal family's private life be private or are 'the royals' public figures?
13. Would it matter if Prince Charles (or any member of a royal or 'first' family) got married and divorced several times?
14. Apparently opinion polls indicate that only a third of the British people are in favour of Prince Charles' marriage to Camilla Parker-Bowles. Do you think more people would be in favour if Camilla was not divorced.....or was young and beautiful?
15. Would the monarchy benefit if Prince Charles were to renounce his claim to the throne in favour of his son, Prince William or would that de-stabilize the monarchy?
16. Should monarchies cling to the traditions they represent or modernise and become more up-to-date?

Activity 3

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which King of England divorced two of his six wives?
2. The Queen of England has four children. How many of them are divorced?
3. Why could the Queen's sister, Princess Margaret, not marry her first love, Peter Townsend?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 4

'Prince Charles should not marry Camilla Parker-Bowles.'

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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