

A wedding A ceremony to celebrate getting married
To get married To become husband and wife, publically, officially



Bride The woman who gets married (often wears a **wedding gown or a wedding dress.**)
Groom The man who gets married. (Often wears a tuxedo or a suit.)

The Maid of Honor A woman selected by the bride to assist in the ceremony.

The Best Man A man selected by the groom to assist in the wedding ceremony.

Bridesmaids The women who stand up in support of the bride. They wear matching dresses, but their dresses look different from the wedding gown worn by the bride. The bride wears white while the bridesmaids wear something other than white.



Groomsmen The men who stand up at a wedding in support of the groom.

Wedding party The wedding party consists of the bride, the groom, the bridesmaids and the groomsmen.

Vows Promises made between the bride and groom in public

Wedding band / ring A wedding ring or wedding band is placed on the finger of the bride and the groom

Many people get married inside a **church**.

It's also very common to get married outside of a church, in a public building or outside in the fresh air.

Before the wedding ceremony begins, sometimes the bride or the groom begins to have second thoughts about getting married. In this case, we say the person has "**cold feet**."

Reception A reception is a party that follows the wedding.

Champagne is served at the reception. A toast is made to the future happiness of the newlywed couple. A **toast** is a short speech.

A **wedding cake** is served during the reception.



There's often a lot of dancing during the reception.

It's a tradition for the bride to throw **the bridal bouquet** over her shoulder towards unmarried women. Whoever catches the bouquet increases her chances of being the next woman to get married.

When the groom and the bride leave the wedding ceremony, they drive off together as a "**just married**" couple.

Newlyweds People who have just married

Honeymoon Newlyweds go away after their wedding on their honeymoon!

