

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 6

1A Work in pairs. Which of the things in the box can you see in the photos?

best man bouquet bride bridesmaids cake
confetti groom reception rings veil



B Match eight words in the box in Exercise 1A with their meanings 1–8.

- 1 the man getting married
- 2 the woman getting married
- 3 something the bride wears to cover her face
- 4 something people throw over the married couple as they leave the church
- 5 the person who looks after the rings
- 6 girls or women who accompany the bride
- 7 the party after a wedding
- 8 the flowers the bride carries

C Which of the things in the box do you have at weddings in your country? Do they have any special meanings?

2 Watch the DVD and answer the questions.

- 1 Where has Howard just come from?
- 2 How does Eve describe the ring?
- 3 How long has the ring been in Mel's family?
- 4 Why is Eve upset?
- 5 What did the jeweller's do to the ring?
- 6 What do Howard's colleagues give him as a present?
- 7 How does Eve get the ring off?
- 8 Who does Eve say she'll call?

3A Who says the following things: Howard (H) or Eve (E)?

- 1 I just **picked it up** from the jeweller's.
- 2 **Help yourself**.
- 3 They have this rather **charming** tradition where they **pass it down** from generation to generation.
- 4 I always wanted a **fairytale wedding** of my own.
- 5 **In my dreams**.
- 6 It should fit pretty **snugly** now.
- 7 Can't **get it off!**
- 8 **I've got to dash** so I'll see you later.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4 Match the words/phrases in bold in Exercise 3A with their meanings a)–i).

- a) take it
- b) I have to go
- c) a traditional wedding ceremony
- d) collected
- e) pleasant
- f) close and comfortably
- g) remove
- h) give to your children
- i) something you would like to happen that is impossible or very unlikely

5A Find out where the wedding traditions below come from and what they mean.

- smashing plates
- cutting a log in half
- stealing the groom's shoes
- buying dances with the bride
- a list of somethings
- wooden ducks or geese

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the wedding traditions you found out about.

A: *I found out about smashing plates.*

B: *Where is it from?*

A: *They do it at weddings in Greece.*