



## What's going on?

At the end of last year, it was announced Prince Harry is going to marry American actress Meghan Markle, who he has been dating since July 2016. Prince Harry said that he was "delighted to announce" the news of their engagement and that he had got the approval of Meghan's parents. A spokesman said the couple plan to create a day that "reflects who they are as a couple". The couple will wed on Saturday 19 May at 12pm at St George's Chapel in Windsor. The chapel - where Prince Harry was christened - holds about 800 people.

### Question:

### Why do people choose to get married?

#### Listen, think, share

-  Look at the poster image and ask the children who the couple are. Talk about what we know about Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Discuss their wedding and why it is such big news. Talk about how the Royal family in the UK are very well known and there is a lot of interest all over the world in their lives and that lots of people will want to watch their wedding. Watch the video about the couple. Talk about how they are both very famous for different things.
-  Discuss weddings in general. Have we ever been to a wedding? What was it like? Why do we think people decide to get married? Why do we think some people decide not to get married? Talk about how getting married is a very personal choice, some people choose to get married because of their religion, some because they want to have a celebration with others – each couple will have their own reason for choosing to get married (or not).
-  Do we think all weddings are the same? Talk about different religions, various places around the world, traditions etc. Talk about what all weddings have in common e.g. the union of two people making a commitment to each other. Explain that of course people can be just as committed without making a public declaration or getting married.
-  Look at the images of the different types of weddings and relationships from the resource. Talk about some of the things you think the relationships have in common. Discuss all the different tradition and why they are important.

### Reflection

A wedding is a great celebration and commitment that two people can choose to make to each other. There are many different types, traditions and variations of weddings all over the world. It is important to also remember that lots of people choose not to get married but are just as committed to each other!

The news story:

<https://bbc.in/2HXIoDJ>

Useful Video

Prince Harry and Megan Markle interview:

[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42137466](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42137466)