

词汇: *wedding costs* 婚礼开支

Weddings are expensive **affairs** – there’s nothing new or surprising in that statement. When we talk about the costs of a wedding, we often think about the financial **toll** on the person paying for it. The **outlay** on **tiered** cakes, the dress with a long **train**, **appliques** and **veil**, and **canapes** at the **reception** can all add up. But what about the guests? The cost to your friends and family to attend.

The first thing to think about when attending is the price of getting there. Even just a few hundred miles from where you live can bring some expenses – be it transport or staying in a hotel. But some people like to **tie the knot** in exotic locations, thinking it will make their special day even more special – on a beach in front of palm trees rather than somewhere closer to home. Going to **far-flung** corners of the Earth to watch the event can really be a **dealbreaker** for some when deciding if they can make it.

Then there is the gift. What do you give a person on their wedding day? In some cultures, asking for money isn’t **the done thing**. Sometimes the **bride** and **groom** may issue a list of items they want to receive that you have to pick from. But what do you buy? And if it’s money, how much do you give them? How much is too much? These are questions all **attendees** face – give too little and you may cause offence, too much and you may be **out of pocket**. And of course, you **don’t** want **to be outdone** by a friend giving more than you.

Finally, the last thing you want to feel when going to a wedding is regret about the amount you’ve spent. If you give a good gift and spend a lot on getting there, and the event isn’t great, or the food at the reception isn’t perfect, you might feel a little resentment. Therefore, only give what you can afford to give. Weddings can be expensive for everyone concerned. But people often overlook the cost for guests. In the end, though, that special day is supposed to be a celebration of love above anything else.

词汇表

affair	活动，经历
toll	损失，代价
outlay	开支
tiered	多层的
train	裙摆
applique	贴花
veil	面纱
canape	（聚会上提供的）开胃饼
reception	婚礼招待会，婚宴
tie the knot	喜结良缘（结婚）
far-flung	遥远的
dealbreaker	不做某事的决定因素
the done thing	礼节，礼貌
bride	新娘
groom	新郎
attendee	宴席嘉宾
out of pocket	亏钱的，白花钱的
not to be outdone	不甘示弱，不甘落后

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What expenses for the person paying for the wedding are mentioned?
2. Why do some couples head to exotic places for their wedding?
3. True or false? *Giving money is acceptable in all cultures.*
4. What might be caused by giving too little money as a wedding gift?
5. What might you feel if you give a good gift and the reception is bad?

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. Why don't we have the party here rather than some _____ location?

bride	far-flung	veil	train
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2. The bonus is the _____ in the contract negotiations.

dealcracker	dealsmasher	dealcruncher	dealbreaker
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3. Working such long hours has really taken its _____ on her.

groom	toll	out of pocket	bride
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4. You're getting married? When are you going to tie the _____?

rope	string	knot	bow
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5. I think we should send a card to say sorry. It's the _____ thing.

do	did	doing	done
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答案

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2. Why do some couples head to exotic places for their wedding?

Some people like to tie the knot in exotic locations – thinking it will make their special day even more special.

3. True or false? *Giving money is acceptable in all cultures.*

False. In some cultures, asking for money isn't the done thing.

4. What might be caused by giving too little money as a wedding gift?

You may cause offence if your gift is too small.

5. What might you feel if you give a good gift and the reception is bad?

If you give a good gift and spend a lot on getting there and the event isn't great, or the food at the reception isn't perfect, you might feel a little resentment.

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. Why don't we have the party here rather than some **far-flung** location?

2. The bonus is the **dealbreaker** in the contract negotiations.

3. Working such long hours has really taken its **toll** on her.

4. You're getting married? When are you going to tie the **knot**?

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