

Let's talk about Weddings



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Weird Weddings

Strange ways to get married.

The day you get married is supposed to be the most important day of your life. So, why not celebrate in style? Do any of these ideas **take your fancy?**

How about a *Star Wars* themed wedding. When Bramwell Brightey and Tamsyn Lofts got married, they **dressed up as** Han Solo and Princess Leia from the original trilogy. The guests also **turned up** as characters from the sci-fi films, and a special cake was made to look like Yoda. And instead of the traditional first dance, the couple (who have seen the films more than 500 times) had a **light sabre** fight at the **reception**. "Everyone looked amazing! It was the greatest day of my life," Bramwell said.



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What about an underwater wedding? That's exactly what one company is offering in Mallorca. For just €400, you can **take the plunge** at The Palma Aquarium. The lucky couple wear **scuba gear** with **oxygen tanks**, and **mics** attached that broadcast their "**I dos**" over a radio transmitter to guests outside the tank. Can't find anybody willing to record

the big day? Don't worry! There are plenty of sharks swimming around the tank who wouldn't mind taking a few "**snaps**".

Or how about something a bit more hi-tech? Tomohiro Shibata and Satoko Inoue **tied the knot** in the world's first robot wedding last year at their Tokyo ceremony. The **bride** and **groom**, who both work in the robot industry, were married by a robot with **flashing** eyes. "It was a lot of fun," said bride Satoko. "I think the Japanese have a strong sense that robots are our friends."





Now what about a wedding on a plane? One English couple tied the knot 700 metres in the air while **strapped** to the **wings** of a **biplane**. Or how about a bungee jump wedding? Jeroen and Sandra Kippers of Brussels (Belgium) were **lifted** onto a platform 120 metres in the air for their wedding ceremony. They were joined by the **priest** and 20 guests. Another

platform held the musicians. After the **vows**, they made it official by bungee-jumping over the side!

Or how about a superhero, zombie or World War II-themed wedding? Or what about a medieval-themed ceremony, a virtual reality wedding or one in a McDonald's restaurant conducted by Ronald McDonald himself. Still not sure? How about a wedding based on a popular book series such as *Lord of the Rings*, *Harry Potter* or *Twilight*. In fact, Twilight-themed weddings are **all the rage** these days.

The possibilities are limitless! 🌟

Language focus

Phrasal verbs with up

Look at the extract from the article on this page, "...The guests also turned up as characters from..." The writer has used a phrasal verb with "up" ("turn up", which means "to arrive"). Complete the following sentences with the verbs from below.

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1. I _____ up smoking six years ago.
2. They _____ up ten minutes late.
3. She _____ up the volume.
4. He _____ up in the same company he started out in.

Discussion

1. What's the most unusual wedding you've ever been to?
2. Which wedding mentioned in this article would you most like to attend?
3. Have you been to a ceremony recently? What was it for?