

The Road Less Travelled

Episode 15: The wedding

The story so far:

It is the morning of Sal and Rich's wedding. Everyone is at City Hall, waiting for the couple to come and take their vows.



Listening

- Listen to the episode. In your own words, make a quick summary with a partner. Compare your summary with another pair.
- Listen again. Who says it? Choose the correct answer.

a. "She's a bit nervous."	Michael	Katie	Sal
b. "Nice to meet you. Congratulations!"	Michael	Rich	Katie
c. "This is it!"	Michael	Rich	Sal
d. "Shall we begin?"	Rich	Sal	Denise*
e. "You need to say 'I do'"	Katie	Rich	Denise*

*Denise McKinnon, the wedding official

Language: Apologizing

- Read the wedding vow and complete it with the missing words from the box.

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"Richard Andrew Marks, do you _____ Sally Elizabeth Clarkson to be your _____? Will you _____, honour and cherish her, in good times and in _____, and do you promise to _____ true to her as long as you both shall _____?"

- Match the definition to the word to make wedding vocabulary.

a. the bride	1. the party after the ceremony
b. the groom	2. the people invited to the wedding
c. the honeymoon	3. the man getting married
d. the guests	4. the formal public event of getting married
e. the ceremony	5. the woman getting married
f. the reception	6. the holiday two people take after they get married

Discussion

- Sal and Rich are getting married in a civil ceremony (at City Hall). What kind of wedding is more common in your country: civil ceremonies or religious ceremonies?
- What would be an ideal wedding for you?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What do you think *should* happen next?

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Transcript

MM: Katie. Over here!

KATIE: Hi.

MM: How's the bride?

KATIE: Ok, I think. She's a bit nervous.

MM: Thank you for inviting me. I've never been to a wedding at City Hall before.

KATIE: Thanks for coming. I don't think it's going to be very long. Oh. Here's Rich.

RICH: Hi Katie.

KATIE: Hi.

KATIE: Oh, Rich. This is Michael.

MM: Nice to meet you. Congratulations!

RICH: Yeah. Thanks and nice to meet you too. Where's Sal? Is she going to keep the groom waiting?

KATIE: Look, here she is.

RICH: Wow, babe. You look beautiful. This is it!

OFFICIAL: Good afternoon everybody. My name's Denise McKinnon. Shall we begin?

RICH: Yep.

SAL: Yes.

OFFICIAL: Will you both state your names, for the record?

RICH: Richard Andrew Marks.

SAL: Sally Elizabeth Clarkson.

OFFICIAL: Richard Andrew Marks, do you take Sally Elizabeth Clarkson to be your wife? Will you love, honour, and cherish her, in good times and in bad, and do you promise to stay true to her as long as you both shall live?

RICH: I do.

OFFICIAL: Sally Elizabeth Clarkson, do you take Richard Andrew Marks to be your husband? Will you love, honour, and cherish him, in good times and in bad, and do you promise to stay true to him as long as you both shall live?

SAL: I ...

OFFICIAL: You need to say "I do".

SAL: I ...



Answer key

Listening

2. a. Katie
b. Michael
c. Rich
d. Denise
e. Denise



Language

1. Richard Andrew Marks, do you take Sally Elizabeth Clarkson to be your wife. Will you love, honour and cherish her, in good times and in bad, and do you promise to stay true to her as long as you both shall live?
2. a. 4; b. 3; c. 6; d. 2; e. 4; f. 1