

## Lessons 7–8 Practise and prepare

### Vocabulary

1 Look at the question below. Use the words in the box to complete the answer.

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**Q:** Can you tell me something about UAE weddings in the past?

**A:** Sure! They were really \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> to how they are today. Firstly, they were not held in hotels, but rather in people's own homes, usually in large \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>. Everyone in the family and the neighbourhood would help to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> for the wedding and the bride's mother would help the bride into her green wedding dress ... yes, green! You see, this was the traditional colour for a wedding dress, not white, like we have today. Also, although there was no \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> in those days, people didn't get into \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> either, because fewer people were asked to the wedding and so it was less \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>. I think when I get married, I would like to have a simple \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> in a tent, maybe in my grandparent's garden. You know, I like to feel we can carry on with the UAE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>.

### Speaking

2 Ask your partner the questions below. Give as much information as possible in your answers.

- 1 Whose was the last wedding you attended?
- 2 Where was it held?
- 3 What did the bride/groom wear?
- 4 What is your best memory from that wedding?

3 **21st** Think about the wedding you talked about in Activity 2.

- 1 Talk to a friend about this wedding for four minutes. Tell your friend:
  - a whose wedding it was.
  - b when and where it took place.
  - c how the ceremony was conducted.
  - d what your best memory was from that wedding and why.

#### Speaking tip

Always try to give as much information as you can when you reply to an open-ended question.

#### Language tip

Remember the event was in the past, so all the verbs you use must also be in the past.

2 Use the graphic organiser to make notes.

WHO?	HOW?
WHEN?	WHAT?
WHERE?	WHY?

## Reading

4 Complete the sentences with one word or a number.

### *The Importance of Henna in Traditional Emirati Weddings*





Henna is a huge part of Emirati culture and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>. Henna is used for many special occasions, but especially in weddings. Henna Night is a really important night where the bride-to-be, her relatives and friends all join together to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> the wedding to come. They do this by \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> themselves with henna. They cover their hands and feet with the dark \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> which is made of many \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> including henna leaves, water, lemon juice, tea and essential oils. The henna designs are usually applied in a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>, they range from very simple to very \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>. The bridal patterns in particular can take hours and are often done by more than one person, employing a range of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>. Some brides want the henna \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> to be very dark, because tradition says that as long as the henna stays on the bride, she won't have to do any housework, and the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> the stain, the better the marriage. In modern times, there is also a tendency to use gold temporary henna patterns for special occasions such as weddings.

## Lessons 9–10 Al Janadriyah Festival

- Have you ever been to Al Janadriyah Festival?
- Do you know of any cultural festivals held in the UAE?
- Have you ever been to a festival that celebrates local culture/traditions?



### Listening

- 1 Before you listen, look at the photos. What do you think the listening will be about?
- 2  Listen to Hassan, a TV reporter, interviewing Mohammed Al Hassani, one of the festival organisers, and Faisal, who is attending Al Janadriyah Festival. What do they talk about? Do they agree with each other?
- 3  Listen again to part of the interview between Hassan and Mohammed. Fill in the missing words.


- Hassan:** Mohammed, could you tell our viewers about Al Janadriyah Festival?
- Mohammed:** Certainly, Hassan. Well, the festival started in 1985 and takes place every year around February or March for two weeks. It was started as a way for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> to come together to celebrate our **traditions** and **preserve** them in this rapidly changing world. It's very important we do this, because I'm sure \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> wants to see them disappear.
- Hassan:** Would you mind telling us about the **cultural traditions** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> might see on display here?
- Mohammed:** Not at all. Al Janadriyah is a major **cultural** event here in Saudi Arabia, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> can come. We open the festival with a camel race each year, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> can also see horse races and displays of falconry. These animals are significant to our **cultural** history and identity, so it's important to us that we celebrate them.
- Hassan:** Mmm, mmm, and what about the **handicrafts** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> might see here at the festival?
- Mohammed:** Well, we have many **handicraft artisans** who come to the festival. We like to think that the festival is a kind of '**cultural** village' where \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> can come and see these traditional crafts being made.
- Hassan:** That's fantastic, Mohammed, thank you.



## Listening

- 4  44 Read the phrases in the box. Listen to part of the interview again and number the phrases from 1–10 as you hear them.
- 5  45 Listen to the phrases and repeat. Pay particular attention to intonation and which words are stressed.

## Speaking

- 6  21st Discuss the following statement in pairs and then groups. Explain whether you agree or disagree and why.

*Al Janadriyah National Festival should only include exhibits from Saudi Arabia and other GCC Countries.*

- I'm sorry, but what do you mean by that?
- Could you explain that in more detail?
- Mmm, mmm
- Um, um, um
- Would you mind telling us about ... ?
- Sorry, could I just interrupt for a moment?
- Could I just come in here?
- What about ... ?
- So, what you're saying Faisal is that ...
- Could you tell our viewers about ... ?

### Speaking tip

We use different types of questions and phrases when we have discussions with other people.

#### Starters

We use these phrases to open a conversation with another person or between other people. *Would you mind telling us about ... ?*

#### Clarifying

We use these phrases to check understanding and resolve any areas of confusion within a conversation. *Could you explain that in more detail, please?*

#### Interrupting

We use these phrases to pause a conversation or discussion when we have something to add or say. *Could I just come in here?*