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?

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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 openended question.

Language tip

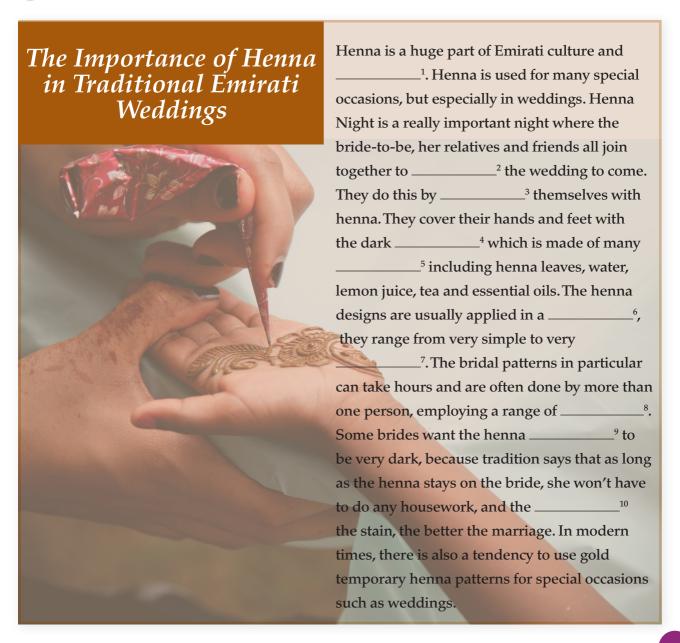
Remember the event was in the past, so all the verbs you use must also be in the past.

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.



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 42 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 for1 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 sure² wants to see them disappear.
Hassan:	Would you mind telling us about the cultural traditions 3 might see on
	display here?
Mohammed:	Not at all. Al Janadriyah is a major cultural event here in Saudi Arabia, and
	4 can come. We open the festival with a camel race each year, and
	5 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 6 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
	these traditional crafts being made.
Hassan:	That's fantastic, Mohammed, thank you.







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Listening

- 4 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 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?