

## Couple get married in Shrek costumes

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Once upon a time, a woman dreamed of getting married in a fairy tale wedding. For one British woman, her dream came true. Amanda Gibbs, 44, married her fiancé of eight years on Saturday in a ceremony that was nothing but fairy tale. The happy couple painted themselves

green to look like the animation characters Shrek and Princess Fiona. They also donned costumes based on the attire worn by the characters. The guest list included friends and family dressed as Buzz Lightyear, the Gingerbread Man, Snow White and Minnie Mouse. The couple wanted a day to remember that was a little out of the ordinary. They stuck to their plan for a fairy tale wedding and tied the knot in truly unforgettable fashion.

The wedding also had a serious side to it. They decided to use it to raise money for charity. They asked their guests not to buy them any wedding presents, but to donate the money to a cancer research charity instead. They had both lost friends to cancer. The groom, Nathan Gibbs, told reporters: "We thought it would be a great idea to raise money for Cancer Research. Our guests are all making donations to the charity and we hope to inspire others to give money to the charity when they read our story." He added: "We've had a great day today and it's fantastic to think the money raised will go towards helping to support those with cancer and their families."

Sources: Daily Mirror / Sky News / Birmingham Mail

### Writing

Marriage ceremonies should always be followed in a traditional fashion. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

once upon a time / fairy tale / dream come true / out of the ordinary / tie the knot / wedding / serious / donate / charity / guests / presents / inspire / fantastic / support

### True / False

- A woman who was engaged for eight years got married. T / F
- The article says the wedding was nothing like a fairy tale. T / F
- Wedding guests attended the ceremony dressed as cartoon characters. T / F
- The couple wanted an ordinary wedding they would not forget. T / F
- The couple asked guests to give to charity instead of buying presents. T / F
- Some of the couple's friends had died of cancer. T / F
- The groom does not want non-guests to help the charity. T / F
- The groom said he was disappointed his wedding day wasn't better. T / F

### Synonym Match

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. came true    | a. purely       |
| 2. nothing but  | b. give         |
| 3. donned       | c. get married  |
| 4. attire       | d. provide for  |
| 5. tie the knot | e. motivate     |
| 6. raise        | f. clothes      |
| 7. donate       | g. wonderful    |
| 8. inspire      | h. wore         |
| 9. fantastic    | i. collect      |
| 10. support     | j. was realised |

### Discussion – Student A

- Do you like weddings?
- Should all couples raise money for charity at their wedding?
- Do you think that one day, weddings will become a thing of the past?
- What's the best and worst wedding you've ever been to?
- Do you think it's easy or difficult to plan a wedding?
- In your country, do people have to invite people they don't like to their wedding?
- What kind of weddings do you think are best?
- What questions would you like to ask the happy couple?

## Phrase Match

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Once upon                      | a. knot                   |
| 2. married her fiancé             | b. lost friends to cancer |
| 3. The happy                      | c. fashion                |
| 4. tied the                       | d. side to it             |
| 5. in truly unforgettable         | e. others to give money   |
| 6. The wedding also had a serious | f. a time                 |
| 7. raise                          | g. those with cancer      |
| 8. They had both                  | h. of eight years         |
| 9. inspire                        | i. couple                 |
| 10. helping to support            | j. money for charity      |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of the fairy tale wedding in the article?
- Should all weddings be traditional?
- How important is a wedding?
- Would you like a fairy tale wedding?
- What's your dream wedding?
- Has a dream of yours ever come true?
- What would you dress up as at a fairy tale wedding (and why)?
- When was the last time you did something out of the ordinary?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. j	2. a	3. h	4. f	5. c
6. i	7. b	8. e	9. g	10. d

## Role Play

### Role A – Disneyland

You think Disneyland is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Paris, Tahiti or Mount Everest.

### Role B – Paris

You think Paris is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Disneyland, Tahiti or Mount Everest.

### Role C – Tahiti

You think Tahiti is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Paris, Disneyland or Mount Everest.

### Role D – Mount Everest

You think Mount Everest is the best place to get married. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these places (and why): Paris, Tahiti or Disneyland.

## Speaking – Tie the knot

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best place to get married at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Venice            | • Tahiti            |
| • New York          | • Hollywood         |
| • The Sahara Desert | • Your capital city |
| • Mount Everest     | • Disneyland        |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.