In November 2017, a press release from Kensington Palace confirmed that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will marry on Saturday 19th May 2018. The couple met on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend back in 2016. The couple have spoken of how they hit it off as soon as they met. Prince Harry is the son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. He is sixth in line to the British throne. Meghan Markle is an American actress who grew up in Los Angeles. Before the wedding, she will take the British citizenship test in order to remain permanently in the UK.

The wedding ceremony will take place at 12pm in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle with 600 invited guests. The choice of Saturday is seen as controversial as royal weddings traditionally take place on a weekday. The FA Cup final also falls on the same day, a match which the Prince's brother, William the Duke of Cambridge, would usually attend to present the trophy.

To celebrate the day, 2,640 members of the public will be invited to the grounds of Windsor Castle. 1,200 of these guests will be chosen from a broad range of backgrounds and ages from across the UK.

After the ceremony, the couple will travel in a carriage procession from St George's Chapel through the town of Windsor and back to Windsor Castle along the Long Walk. This will allow the public to gather along the route to see the happy couple and enjoy the atmosphere.

The couple have decided that rather than receiving traditional wedding presents, they would like well-wishers to donate to one of the charities they support instead.

The wedding cake will be made by Claire Ptak at Violet Bakery. Kensington Palace have announced that it will be a “lemon and elderflower cake incorporating the bright flavours of spring”.

The eyes of the world will be on Windsor on 19th May when television crews and crowds of spectators will flood into the town. One of the key talking points on the day will be Meghan Markle's wedding dress, the details of which are a closely guarded secret.
A royal wedding comprehension

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2. Why will Meghan Markle have to take a citizenship test?

3. What other major event is happening on the same day as the wedding?

4. Why may this other event cause a problem?

5. There are two ways in which this wedding breaks with tradition. Describe them below.

6. Look at the paragraph beginning: *To celebrate the day*...

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A royal wedding comprehension

Answers: Prince Harry to marry Meghan Markle – version 1

1. When and where will the wedding take place?

   The wedding is at 12pm on Saturday 19th May in St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle.

2. Why will Meghan Markle have to take a citizenship test?

   Meghan Markle is an American. She needs to take the test to live permanently in the UK.

3. What other major event is happening on the same day as the wedding?

   The FA Cup Final is taking place on the same day as the wedding.

4. Why may this other event cause a problem?

   The Duke of Cambridge would normally attend the cup final to present the trophy but he will want to attend his brother's wedding.

5. There are two ways in which this wedding breaks with tradition. Describe them below.

   Royal weddings are traditionally held on weekdays not Saturdays.
   The couple would like people to donate to charity rather than present traditional wedding presents.

6. Find and copy one word which is closest in meaning to ‘wide’.

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7. Explain two ways in which the public will be able to see the happy couple on their wedding day.

   The public can gather along the procession route in Windsor or watch it on television.

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Prince Harry to marry Meghan Markle – version 2

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Prince Harry is the son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. Meghan Markle is an American actress who grew up in Los Angeles. Before the wedding, she will take the British citizenship test in order to remain permanently in the UK.

The choice of Saturday is unusual as royal weddings traditionally take place on a weekday. The FA Cup final also falls on the same day.

To celebrate the day, 2,640 members of the public will be invited to the grounds of Windsor Castle. 1,200 of these guests will be chosen from a broad range of backgrounds and ages from across the UK.

After the ceremony, the couple will travel in a carriage procession from St George’s Chapel through the town of Windsor. This will allow the public to gather along the route to see the happy couple and enjoy the atmosphere.

The couple have decided to break with tradition and would like well-wishers to donate to one of the charities they support instead of giving wedding presents.

Kensington Palace have announced that the wedding cake will be a “lemon and elderflower cake.”

The wedding will be shown on television and so the eyes of the world will be on the town of Windsor on 19th May. One of the key talking points on the day will be Meghan Markle’s wedding dress, the details of which are a closely guarded secret.
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Answers: Prince Harry to marry Meghan Markle – version 2

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2. Why will Meghan Markle have to take a citizenship test?

   Meghan Markle is an American. She needs to take the test to live permanently in the UK.

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Answers: Prince Harry to marry Meghan Markle – version 3

1. When and where will the wedding take place?

   The wedding is at 12pm on Saturday 19th May in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

2. Where did Meghan Markle grow up?

   Meghan Markle grew up in Los Angeles.

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