

Buying a Wedding Gift

Vocabulary

Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher

- **Wedding gift** Something you buy for a couple getting married
 - **Finally** After a long time, after the end of a wait
 - **I spent the last few years in ____** I lived the last few years in ____
 - **Wedding registry** A service provided by a website or retail store, helps engaged couples in the communication of gift preferences for wedding guests
 - **Database** A structured set of data in a computer that can be accessed different ways
 - **Unfortunately** Unluckily
 - **Kitchen things** Things for the kitchen like blenders, knives, dishwashers, cutting boards, refridgerators, etc
 - **Margarita** A popular cocktail made with Tequila
 - **I think you hit the jackpot!** To succeed, to be very successful
 - **Didn'tchu** Didn't you (pronounced quickly)
 - **Alotta** A lot of (pronounced quickly)
 - **'Cuz** Because (pronounced quickly)
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Dialogue

Read the dialogue with the teacher, and then switch roles

- A:** Can you help me? I'm trying to decide what to get Dan and Janet as a **wedding gift**.
- B:** Oh! I didn't even know they were **finally** getting married!
- A:** Yeah they are, **didn't you** hear?
- B:** No no no, I'm always the last to hear about anything like that. What are you thinking about getting them?
- A:** I'm not sure what to get. You know, **I spent the last few years in** China and Poland, and wedding gifts for those countries are really easy. In China they usually give money, and in Poland they usually just give vodka.
- B:** Do they have a **wedding registry**? Like when they go to WalMart and make a list of things that are registered in a **database** so people won't give the same gifts?
- A:** No, **unfortunately** they don't. So I have to really think about it.
- B:** Well, I know **a lot of** people give things like tables and chairs and things for the house. Have you tried looking at house things?
- A:** That's true, I could buy them **kitchen things**, I know that Janet really loves to cook. What are some ideas you could give me?
- B:** What about a blender? Men really love having a strong blender, and women love having a blender for making **margaritas**!
- A:** Just a blender? That's a good idea but a blender is kinda small, don't you think?
- B:** How about a blender and a set of knives? If it was me that'd make me so happy!
- A:** Hey, **I think you hit the jackpot**! That's a great idea!
- B:** Yeah, and that's why you come to me for advice! **'Cuz** I'm the best!

Checking Understanding

1. Who is it that's getting married?
2. What are common wedding gifts in China and Poland?
3. Does the couple have a wedding registry?
4. What do men and women each like about blenders?
5. What gifts do they finally decide to give?
6. How to pronounce "Didn't you" quickly?
7. How to pronounce "A lot of" quickly?
8. How to pronounce "Because" quickly?

Conversation Questions

Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat

- Have you ever been to a wedding?
- Have you ever been part of a wedding? What did you do? Bridesmaid? Man of Honor?
- What do you think are the best gifts to give a wedding couple?
- What are traditional weddings like in your country?
- Have you ever been to a wedding in a different country?
- Do you know some cultural differences for weddings in other cultures?
- How much do you think a typical wedding costs?
- What gifts have you given to people getting married?
- Was the wedding you went to in a church or mosque?
- Have you ever been to a beach wedding?
- What do you think about gay weddings?
- What do you think about divorce?
- Do you know anyone who's divorced?
- What's the most unusual gift you've ever heard of given at a wedding?