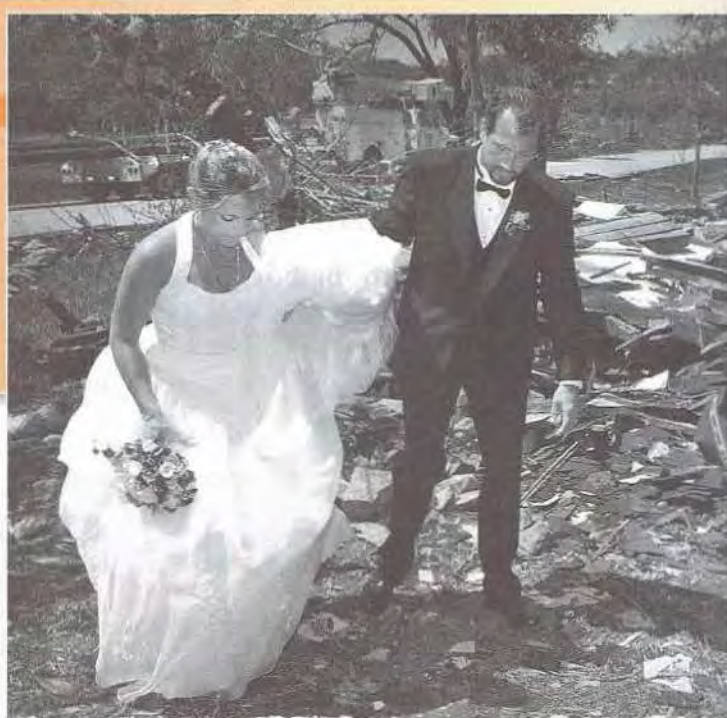


# The Wedding Dress



## 1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.  
What is the story about? Now read it.

**NORTHMOOR, MO., USA** <sup>1</sup>Dan and Jennifer Wells were planning a May **wedding**. <sup>2</sup>Before the big day, they bought a 50-year-old house with big trees all around and were busy **repairing** it—**fixing** the walls and **cleaning** the floors. <sup>3</sup>There was a little workshop\* **nearby**. Jennifer **hung** her beautiful white wedding dress there to keep it **clean**.

<sup>4</sup>Three days before the wedding, while Dan and Jennifer were at his family's home, a wild tornado\*\* came out of nowhere. <sup>5</sup>The tornado missed his family's home, but when Dan drove to his house, it was not there. The trees **as well as** the neighbors' houses were gone. The tornado

**destroyed** almost everything in the neighborhood. <sup>6</sup>Just one thing was still standing—the workshop. When Dan looked inside, he **discovered** the wedding dress, untouched. <sup>7</sup>He called Jennifer. "Your dress is here!" he told her. "I think our wedding is meant to be\*\*\*."

<sup>8</sup>The lucky **couple** cried at their wedding. "They're **grateful** to be here," explained a friend.

\*workshop: a place where people make things

\*\*tornado: very strong winds that move in a circle

\*\*\*is meant to be: is supposed to happen

## NEW WORDS

wedding *n*  
repair *v*

fix *v*  
clean *v*

nearby *adv*  
hang *v*

clean *adj*  
as well as *conj*

destroy *v*  
discover *v*

couple *n*  
grateful *adj*

>> See Glossary on page 92. >>

## 2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.





### 3. Check your comprehension

Match the first and second parts of the sentences.

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| a. Dan and Jennifer were planning ____ | 1. an old house.                   |
| b. They were repairing ____            | 2. nowhere.                        |
| c. Jennifer hung ____                  | 3. was not touched.                |
| d. A tornado came out of ____          | 4. their wedding.                  |
| e. It destroyed ____                   | 5. her dress nearby in a workshop. |
| f. The wedding dress ____              | 6. their house and neighborhood.   |

### 4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- Dan and Jennifer were cl\_\_\_\_ing the floors in their house before their May we\_\_\_\_\_.
- Jennifer wanted to keep her dress c\_\_\_\_\_, so she h\_\_\_\_ it in a little workshop.
- Then their home as \_\_\_\_\_ as their neighbors' homes were de\_\_\_\_\_yed by a tornado.
- The cou\_\_\_\_ felt gra\_\_\_\_\_ to be alive on their wedding day.

### 5. Listen to the story track 18

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



### 6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.



## 7. Answer the questions

### About the story...

- What were Dan and Jennifer doing to the house before the wedding?
- What did the tornado destroy? What did it miss?
- What did Dan tell Jennifer when he discovered the dress?
- Why do you think the couple cried at their wedding?

### About you...

- Has a storm ever destroyed part of your country? What happened?
- What do you need to fix in your home?
- What are you grateful for?
- Have you ever discovered something wonderful? What was it?

## 8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

HANG			
hang	a dress		<b>Jennifer hung her wedding dress nearby.</b>
	a coat	on a hanger	<i>I never hang my coat on a hanger.</i>
	pants		<i>She hung her pants carefully on the hanger.</i>
	a hat	on a hook	<i>I usually hang my hat on the hook.</i>
	an umbrella		<i>Please hang your umbrella on the hook.</i>
	a shirt	in a closet	<i>He hung his shirt in the closet.</i>

- I usually hang my pants \_\_\_\_\_.
- I never hang \_\_\_\_\_ in the closet.
- I always hang my \_\_\_\_\_ carefully \_\_\_\_\_.

## 9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true. Use words from the picture.

### A WEDDING



- At a wedding, the bride and groom give each other \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ takes pictures of the couple.
- \_\_\_\_\_ wears a wedding dress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is sometimes tall and white, and often tastes good.

## 10. Take a dictation track 19

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

## 11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

bride    wedding    nearby    groom  
wedding cake    couples    discovered

# Dancing with Mickey

ORLANDO, USA "This was always my dream\*," says Sachiko Takahashi, 26. Sachiko just had her (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at Walt Disney World Resort. While she and her new husband were eating their (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse ran into the room. "Mickey!" screamed an excited Sachiko. Mickey danced with Sachiko as Minnie danced (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Mickey and Minnie had big shoes, and it was hard to dance, but no one minded.



Many people have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that they can get married at Walt Disney World Resort. There are about 2,000 weddings there each year. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ can marry in Cinderella's castle\*\*. The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ can ride in Cinderella's coach\*\*\* while the groom rides on a white horse. But it is all very expensive. Couples will pay \$2,500 to use Cinderella's coach for two hours, and \$1,300 to spend an hour with Mickey.

\* dream: something nice that you hope for

\*\* castle: a large, old building where kings and queens live

\*\*\* coach: a kind of car with four wheels that horses pull



## Talk about the stories

Imagine that you and a partner are Dan Wells and Sachiko Takahashi. You are meeting for the first time. Tell each other about your weddings.