



My Dream Wedding

The True Cost of Being

A WEDDING GUEST

B1 - CAUSATIVE



IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED. WHICH OF THE THINGS BELOW WOULD YOU ASK SOMEONE TO DO FOR YOU?



BAKE A CAKE



DECORATE



TAKE PICTURES



BUY THE RINGS



MAKE A DRESS OR SUIT



DO MAKE-UP AND HAIR



PLAY THE MUSIC



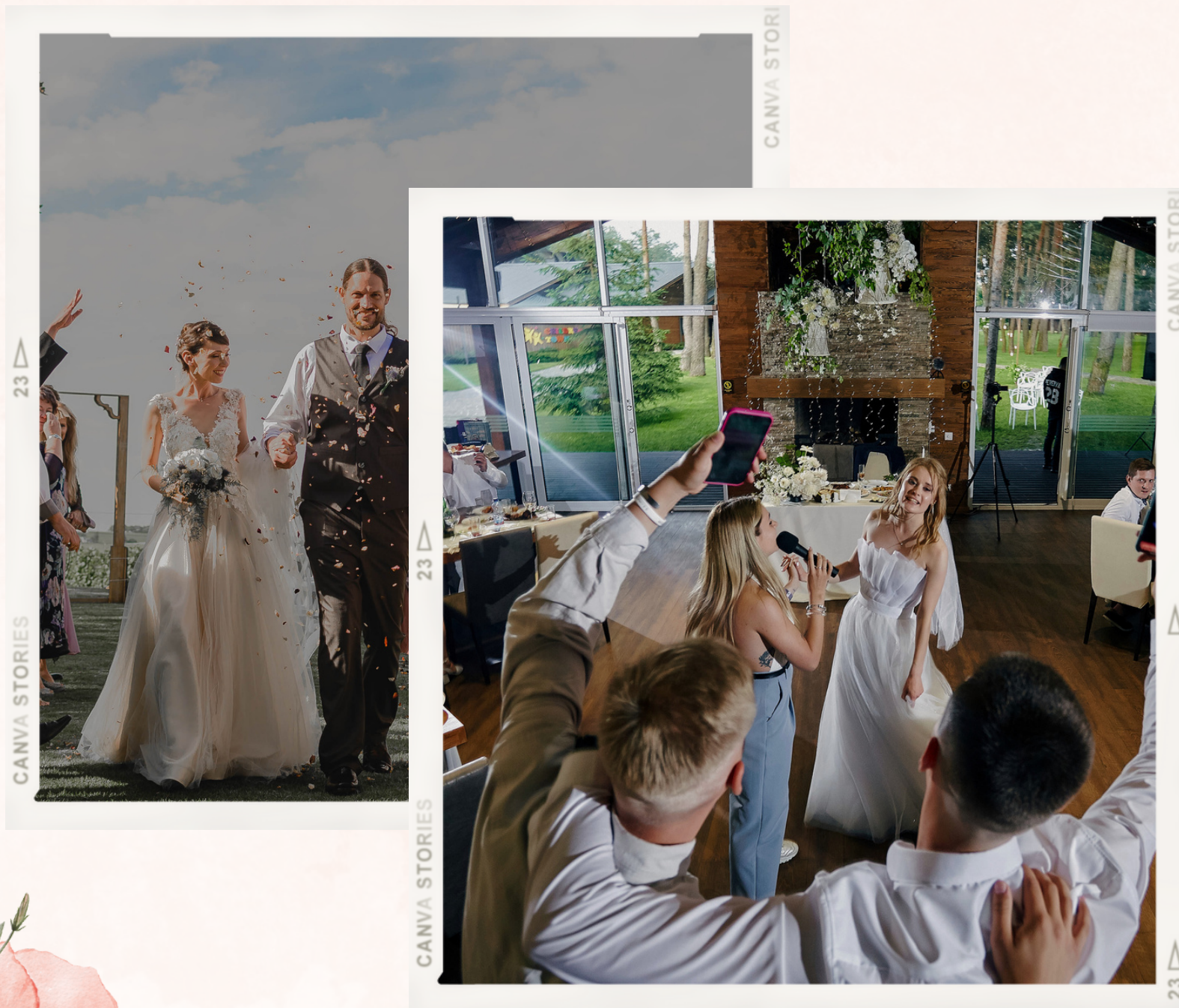
ORGANISE A STAG OR HEN PARTY



PAINT YOUR NAILS

DISCUSS

1. How much does it cost to throw a wedding?
2. Have you ever been to a wedding?
3. What was your role at the wedding?
4. How much did you spend on that wedding?



READ THE ARTICLE INTRODUCTION AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.



1. ON AVERAGE, HOW MUCH DO PEOPLE SPEND ON PRE-WEDDING CELEBRATIONS?
2. ON AVERAGE, HOW MUCH DO PEOPLE SPEND ON THE WEDDING ITSELF?

Wedding celebrations can make for truly joyous nights as we share in the happiness of a friend or family member who's tying the knot, but such festivities rarely come cheap. Indeed, if you have a wedding coming up, it's a good idea to set aside at least €200-€250 for all the costs associated with the day.

There's a gift to be purchased for the bride and groom. You'll need an elegant outfit worthy of the occasion. Then there's the expense of travelling to and from the wedding and, in some cases, the need to book a hotel or alternative accommodation overnight. Add all those up and it's easy to see why €200 is the bare minimum you'll most likely spend.

If you're quite close to the person getting married, you'll probably attend their stag or hen party as well, in which case you can tack on another €200-€250 to the overall wedding costs.

To give you a clearer picture of what you can expect to spend the next time you go to a wedding, Gear Jewellers created this infographic which outlines the individual costs for attending a wedding, based on a survey from Nationwide Current Accounts.

WHO DO YOU THINK SPENDS MORE ON PRE-WEDDING CELEBRATIONS - THE STAGS OR THE HENS? WHY?



DRINK



SPENDING MONEY



TRAVEL



FOOD



ACCOMMODATION



PARTY ACTIVITIES



OUTFIT





THINK OF SIX THINGS YOU NEED TO SPEND MONEY ON AS A WEDDING GUEST.

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DISCUSS WHICH OF THESE THINGS YOU WOULD PAY SOMEONE TO DO FOR YOU. WHY?

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CAUSATIVE: HAVE AND GET

We use 'have + object + part participle' to say that we pay someone to do something for us.

1. *I styled my hair.*
2. *I had my hair styled.*

- a) *In which sentence did you style your own hair?*
- b) *In which sentence someone else styled your hair?
Who?*

We can use causatives in all tenses.

1. *I'm having my nails done tomorrow.*
2. *She's been having her house cleaned for years.*

We can use 'get' instead of 'have' without the change of meaning.

1. *I had my dress designed by my mother-in-law.*
2. *I got my dress designed by my mother-in-law.*

Which sentence is less formal?

WRITE DOWN WHICH OF THE THINGS YOU WOULD DO YOURSELF AND WHICH YOU WOULD PAY SOMEONE TO DO FOR YOU.

Bride Guest

	Bride	Guest
Design a dress	✓	✗
Paint the nails	✓	✓
Style the hair	✓	✗
Do the make-up	✓	✗
Do a facial treatment	✓	✗

As a bride, I would have my dress designed.

As a guest, I wouldn't have my dress designed. I would buy one in a store.

ROLE-PLAY

Imagine that **Student A** is a bride and **Student B** is a bridesmaid, and you want to make sure that you are going to have all the things done before the wedding. Discuss your schedules - make sure to use 'have/get + object + past participle' in the correct form.

Bride

Guest

Monday	Clean the wedding dress	Deliver wedding favours
Tuesday	Do a facial treatment	Do a facial treatment
TODAY: Wednesday	Clean the car	Clean the dress
Thursday	Pack wedding favours	Paint the nails
Friday	Paint the nails	Arrange the wedding bouquet
Wedding Day	Do the make-up and style the hair	Do the make-up and style the hair

Arrange the wedding bouquet
 Clean the dress
 Deliver wedding favours
 Do a facial treatment
 Do the make-up
 Do the hair
 Pack wedding favours
 Paint the nails
 Style the hair

Student A: Have you got your dress cleaned yet?

Student B: I'm having it cleaned today. What about you?

Student A: I had it cleaned on Monday.