

- 1. The words below appear in the text in Exercise 2. Find the words and guess their meanings. Use a dictionary to check your guesses.**

1. peace 3. fur 5. cotton
2. brides 4. silk

- 2. Read the text. Then answer the questions.**

A FASHIONABLE WEDDING

In Medieval times, weddings were not just about love. People often got married for political reasons. For example, if two countries wanted to make peace, their kings used to marry their children to each other. These kings used their children's wedding to show how rich and important they were. That is why Medieval brides used expensive materials like fur and silk for their wedding dresses. They did not use cheaper materials like cotton.

Wedding dresses usually reflected the fashion of the time. In the 1920s, for example, short skirts were fashionable, so brides wore wedding dresses that were short. But in the 1940s, things changed. At that time, brides began wearing long, formal dresses at their weddings and this style of wedding dress is still very popular.

In the West, wedding dresses are often white. This tradition began in 1840 when Queen Victoria got married in a white dress. Many brides saw her wedding photograph and decided that they wanted to wear a dress like hers.

Today, more and more women are not wearing a traditional white wedding dress when they get married. They feel that these dresses are too old-fashioned for them and they prefer to wear something more trendy. They believe that it's not important how long a wedding dress is or what colour it is. The most important thing is that the bride should feel comfortable. It is her wedding day after all.

1. In Medieval times, why did brides wear expensive dresses?
2. Why did brides in the 1920s wear wedding dresses that were short?
3. Why did brides start wearing white wedding dresses?
4. How do many women feel about the traditional white dress?

- 3. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets. Then tick the sentences true (T) or false (F) according to Exercise 2. Copy the sentences that helped you decide.**

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1. In Medieval times, marriages were (political) they are today.		
2. Fur is (cheap) cotton.		
3. In the 1940s, wedding dresses were (short) wedding dresses in the 1920s.		