

## МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО, МЛАДЕЖТА И НАУКАТА

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### ДЪРЖАВЕН ЗРЕЛОСТЕН ИЗПИТ ПО АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК

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**Directions:** *You will hear a text about the **Royal kiss** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **3 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among **A, B** or **C**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

Britain's Prince William and his new bride Kate stepped onto the balcony of Buckingham Palace two hours after saying their vows in church and gave an estimated audience of two billion people what they had all waited for: a royal kiss.

It was a very brief kiss – so conservative a touch on the lips that many in the crowd may have missed it. They followed it with a second, equally short kiss for the cameras.

Some two billion people across the globe were believed to have tuned in as the future king and queen of England started their lives as husband and wife with the two simple words "I will." The couple looked nervous but happy and recited their vows without stumbling before Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

An hour and 9 minutes after the ceremony began, the royal couple came out from the Westminster Abbey and the crowds cheered the couple and waved British flags along the entire route, until the carriage disappeared within the walls of Buckingham Palace.

Upon her arrival at the palace, the Queen herself expressed approval of her grandson's wedding, calling the ceremony "amazing", according to the BBC.

A million well-wishers — as well as some protesters — flooded into the areas surrounding Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and other London landmarks. Crowds were up at dawn waving flags for television and erupted with excitement as huge television screens began broadcasting at Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park.

However, right before the ceremony, an admirer dressed as a bride held a sign that said: "Will, it's not too late!"

**Directions:** *You will hear a text about the **Royal marriage** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **2 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **4 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among **A, B, C** or **D**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

Only time will tell. But there is reason to be optimistic. At 28, Catherine Middleton, is much older than Diana was when she wed Prince Charles at only 20. Kate is an old bride by Royal standards. Kate also has already had practice dealing with the media.

Prince William and Kate have dated on and off for years, so they know of each other's flaws of character. Unlike Diana and Charles who only had a few dates before they married. And from all appearances they genuinely seem to adore and love each other. Even so William admits he is nervous and his knees were "knocking together" during a rehearsal, due to the thought of the world watching the event so closely.

Prince William and Kate Middleton split up for several months in 2007. The two were brought together after going to the party of a mutual friend, Sam Waley-Cohen, at his wealthy family mansion. They talked intently at the party, and must have resolved their problems because soon after they were seen vacationing together.

The royal family is said to approve of Middleton, the daughter of self-made millionaires. The Queen apparently approves of "Kate". However, the Queen prefers to address her by her full name "Catherine".

Since Kate's parents are self-made millionaires, they have no doubt taught their daughter the value of hard work. Her father worked for an airline and her mother was a flight attendant before the family started a mail order business specializing in children's parties.

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Sometimes there are rational explanations to the mysteries we love. For instance, the Cydonian region on Mars attracted a great deal of attention because one of its hills looked remarkably man-made. The region was first imaged in detail by the Viking 1 orbiter, which was launched in 1975. Several photos including one taken in 1976, showed for the first time that one of the Cydonian flat-topped hills had the appearance of face. Scientists dismissed the face as a trick of light and shadow. Then a second image also showed the face at a different sun-angle. This caught the attention of organizations interested in extraterrestrial intelligence and some talk-show hosts. They believed the face was a long-lost Martian civilization. In 2003, the European space agency launched Mars Express which was able to combine data from a high resolution stereo camera and create a 3D representation of the "Face on Mars". It shows a round massif but no face in sight.

Another mystery was the Ica Stones - stones discovered in a cave in Peru. The cave was never identified. The Stones have drawings on them such as Aztec men fighting dinosaurs, extinct fish, open heart surgery and other things that show an advanced civilization. A farmer was arrested for selling these stones to tourists. In his defence, he said he had been making them himself. To get that ancient look, he said he left the stones in his chicken coop, and let the chickens do the rest. Others have also made and sold Ica Stones. There is no evidence of a civilization in that area, no ruins, bones or anything.

Last but not least is the *Mary Celeste*, a ship discovered floating in the sea minus her crew. Stories range from finding meals, still hot and ready to eat, to the ship being found abandoned but with no personal items taken, with strange circular burns on the deck – indicating people had been kidnapped by aliens. The truth is much more boring. The ship that

discovered the *Mary Celeste* saw signs that the crew had left in a hurry. They also noted the ship was making strange noises. The captain probably thought his ship was sinking, so he left with the crew.