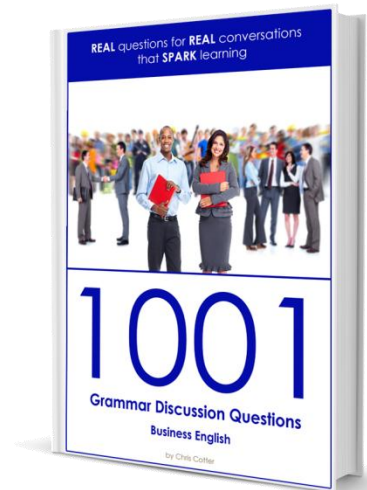
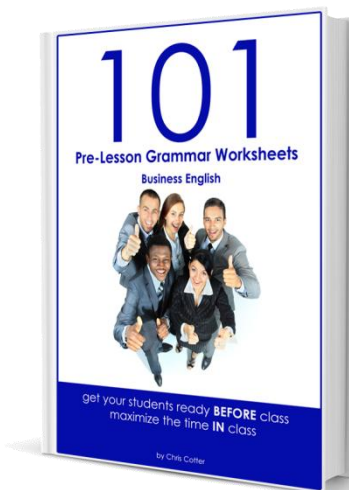
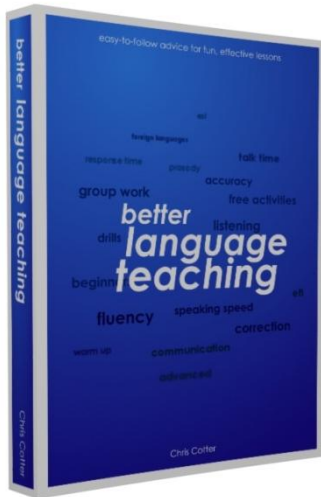


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

Wanted: Wedding Guests!

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Weddings are a big deal in South Korea. There are musical numbers, skits, and several hundred guests in attendance. According to Korean tradition, the immediate family, extended family, and family friends must all be invited. As a result, it can be an embarrassing problem if the groom has two hundred guests and the bride has only fifty guests. The solution is to hire actors.

Fake guests get reimbursed roughly \$20 per ceremony, and the actors might attend several weddings in one day during the busy season. The service that offers wedding guests contains a database of 20,000 actors, and these people can also be hired as fake bosses, office employees, family members, spouses, and even mistresses.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

WARM-UPS

Select one or all of the following warm-up activities.

1: Define: What does "fake" mean? Can you use it in a sentence? Can you give examples?

2: Brainstorm: Brainstorm with a partner words and ideas for "fake" for two minutes. Next, talk about the words and ideas for five minutes.

3: Title: Today's article is: "Wanted: Wedding Guests!" What will you read about?

4: Do you agree or disagree? Why?

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|----|---|
| a. | Honesty is very important. |
| b. | People should be honest no matter the consequences. |
| c. | I might lie to avoid being embarrassed. |
| d. | A wedding is the most important day in anyone's life. |
| e. | I might go to a wedding, even if I weren't invited. |

VOCABULARY

Select one of the following vocabulary acquisition activities.

1: Vocabulary match: Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

a. expertise	u. strange
b. trend	v. pay
c. unique	w. show
d. skit	x. knowledge
e. reimburse	y. husband or wife
f. spouse	z. fad

2: Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	unique	skits	reimbursed
	expertise	spouses	trend
a.	In a sharing economy, people rent out goods, services, and ().		
b.	The () has grown in recent years.		
c.	One of the more () examples comes from South Korea		
d.	There are musical numbers, (), and several hundred guests.		
e.	Fake guests get () roughly \$20 per ceremony		
f.	People can also be hired as fake bosses, office employees, and ().		

3: Define: Look in your dictionary for each word. Write the definition, correctly pronounce the word, and give an example sentence to the class.

a.	expertise:
b.	trend:
c.	unique:
d.	skit:
e.	reimburse:
f.	spouse:

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Lower-Intermediate

WORD RECOGNITION

These activities are optional. They reinforce vocabulary and increase reading speed.

1: Word Search: Find only the target words (in bold). Time yourself, and see how long it takes to find all the words.

unique expertise	skits spouses	reimbursed trend
	E T D J T X N B Z I E I P T U	
	S O S E S P O U S E S G K X N	
	I C B L S T U O L E O D J W I	
	T Z E D U U C X S U W M J W Q	
	R J T D N X B I O T X R O F U	
	E N H S O E T M W R M Y Z T E	
	P D R Y P E R U I S Z B B Q S	
	X U U F P U N T B E W D M P L	
	E F C X G I O E H N R L J R R	
	H D E J Q Q G S W Q X S W R Q	
	C L D E D E W G E V K E L I Z	
	N K U Q P I E V V S N K X O V	
	D E S R U B M I E R E S X P T	
	N B S W I S S T I K S U W X K	
	Q Q T L Z J M V K Q J N O V E	

2: Target Word Pool: Find only the target words (in bold) with their exact match. Time yourself, and see how long it takes to find all the words.

unique expertise	skits spouses	reimbursed trend
expert	skits	trends
	uniquely	reimbursement
		expertize
espouses		unreimbursed
unicorn		trend
trending	skittish	spouse
reimbursed		unique
expertly	sparse	trendy
	expertise	experts
shirts	uniqueness	skit
	reimburses	spouses

pre- or post-COMPREHENSION

Select one or more activity to direct students before the article is read, or to check understanding after the article is read.

1: Brainstorm Questions: Brainstorm questions that you would like to ask about today's topic. Answer a partner the questions. He shouldn't look at the article when he answers.

2: True or False?: Guess (before the article) or answer (after the article) if the sentence is true or false. If false, correct the sentence.

a.	In a sharing economy, people exchange goods, services, and knowledge.	T/F
b.	You can soon rent wedding guests in many countries, not only in South Korea.	T/F
c.	A wedding in South Korea has singing, dancing, and hundreds of guests.	T/F
d.	Fake wedding guests get paid \$20 per event.	T/F
e.	There was a wedding with 20,000 fake guests.	T/F

3: Questions: Answer the questions to check comprehension.

a.	What is a sharing economy?
b.	What are some examples of the sharing economy?
c.	What is the unusual example of the sharing economy given about South Korea?
d.	According to the article, what is a wedding like in South Korea?
e.	Why would a wedding ceremony need fake guests?

4: Fragments: Remember how the fragments were used, and complete the sentence.

a.	People rent out goods, services, and expertise, and the trend...
b.	People rent out their homes or spare rooms to...
c.	As a result, it can be an embarrassing problem if the groom...
d.	Fake guests get reimbursed roughly \$20 per ceremony, and the actors might...

post-COMPREHENSION

Select one or more activity to discuss the contents of the article.

1: Vocabulary: Circle any other unknown words/phrases in the article. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand these words. Write an example sentence for each one.

2: Class Questions: Read through the article once more, and write down any questions that you would like to talk about in pairs/groups or as a class. Answer the questions.

3: Summarize: Work with a partner to summarize the article in your own words.

4: Discuss: Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Remember to support your answers and ask more questions with your partner.

a.	Did you like this article? Why/not?
b.	How would you feel about hiring fake guests to attend an important event?
c.	Do you think that hiring fake wedding guests shows a problem with society?
d.	What do you know about the sharing economy and companies like Airbnb and Uber?
e.	What are some examples of a sharing economy in your home country?
f.	What is a wedding like in your home country?

5: Discuss: Think of other important events in a person's life, along with a reason. Then rank these events in order of importance, with the most important event first. Share your ideas with the class.

Event	Reason	Rank

6: Google Search: Type "sharing economy" into Google news and read additional articles on this topic. Discuss or write an essay about your findings.

STUDENT HANDOUT (the article)

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Notes:

STUDENT HANDOUT (fill in the blank)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

unique	trend	reimbursed	immediate	skits
solution	spouses	season	expertise	license

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Fake guests get (h. _____) roughly \$20 per ceremony, and the actors might attend several weddings in one day during the busy (i. _____). The service that offers wedding guests contains a database of 20,000 actors, and these people can also be hired as fake bosses, office employees, family members, (j. _____), and even mistresses.

STUDENT HANDOUT (extended listening)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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c) _____, and the actors might attend several weddings in one day during the busy season. The service that offers wedding guests contains a database of 20,000 actors, and these people can also be hired as fake bosses, office employees, family members, spouses, and even mistresses.

Sentence #1:

Sentence #2:

Sentence #3:

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary

1: Vocabulary Match:

a.	x
b.	z
c.	u
d.	w
e.	v
f.	y

2: Fill in the Blanks:

a.	expertise
b.	trend
c.	unique
d.	skits
e.	reimbursed
f.	spouses

pre- or post-Comprehension

1. True or False:

a.	F
b.	F
c.	T
d.	T
e.	F

2. Fragments:

a.	has grown in recent years.
b.	vacationers on a nightly, weekly, or even monthly basis.
c.	has two hundred guests and the bride has only fifty guests.
d.	attend several weddings in one day during the busy season.

Student Handout

1: Fill in the Blanks:

a.	expertise	f.	immediate
b.	trend	g.	solution
c.	license	h.	reimbursed
d.	unique	i.	season
e.	skits	j.	spouses

2: Extended Listening:

a.	perhaps one of the more unique examples of the sharing economy comes from South Korea
b.	the immediate family, extended family, and family friends must all be invited
c.	Fake guests get reimbursed roughly \$20 per ceremony