

Woman marries a bridge

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Many countries around the world are discussing same-sex marriage. No country is discussing the rights and wrongs of marrying a bridge. But that is what an

Australian woman has done. Artist Jodi Rose fell in love with the 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got married to it last month. However, France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, 14 guests attended the wedding ceremony to see the happy couple become not man and wife, but bridge and wife. The mayor of the nearby town also came to bless the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the occasion. She also had a special ring (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge.

Jodi Rose travels the world visiting bridges. She records the sounds and vibrations they make. She then turns these into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love at first sight for the Devil's Bridge. She posted on her blog Bridgeland: "Although he is made of stone...I feel at peace in his strong embrace. He makes me feel connected to the earth." She added that the bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling non-stop around the world. Ms Rose explained why she married the bridge, saying it was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in everything". She also explained her love for it: "The perfect husband... strong and silent," she said.

Sources: Metro / Bridgeland.be

Writing

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of getting married to a bridge.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

marriage / rights and wrongs / bridges / guests / nearby town / wedding dress / ring / travels the world / experimental music / feel at peace / vibration / strong and silent

True / False

- Some countries are talking about people marrying bridges. T / F
- A woman married a bridge that is 600 years old. T / F
- France said the marriage was legal. T / F
- The wedding ring for the bridge was almost a metre high. T / F
- The bride makes music by recording the sounds bridges make. T / F
- The bride said it was love at first hearing with the bridge. T / F
- She said the bridge makes her feel peaceful when she is near it. T / F
- She said the bridge was perfect because it is very noisy. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. world | a. went to |
| 2. discussing | b. original |
| 3. nevertheless | c. linked |
| 4. attended | d. talking about |
| 5. event | e. thinks highly of |
| 6. sounds | f. globe |
| 7. experimental | g. ideal |
| 8. connected | h. occasion |
| 9. values | i. even so |
| 10. perfect | j. noises |

Discussion – Student A

- How has marriage changed in the past 100 years?
- What is marriage to you?
- What do you think of someone marrying a bridge?
- Should countries let people marry things?
- What do you think the wedding ceremony was like?
- What wedding vow (promise) do you think Jodi made to the bridge?
- What wedding present would you buy the bridge and wife?
- Why do so many marriages these days break up?

Phrase Match

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| 1. same- | a. couple |
| 2. 14 guests attended the | b. the marriage |
| 3. the happy | c. vibrations they make |
| 4. bless | d. sex marriage |
| 5. Jodi wore a white wedding dress | e. strong and silent |
| 6. the sounds and | f. to the earth |
| 7. She said it was love | g. wedding ceremony |
| 8. I feel | h. at first sight |
| 9. He makes me feel connected | i. for the occasion |
| 10. The perfect husband... | j. at peace |

Discussion – Student B

- Have you ever fallen in love at first sight?
- What wedding vows (promises) would you make to your partner?
- What is the perfect marriage?
- Are married people happier than unmarried people?
- Who is your perfect partner?
- What do you think of arranged marriage?
- Does marriage change you?
- What questions would you like to ask Jodi?

Spelling

- icudignss same-sex marriage
- the rights and ngoswr of marrying a bridge
- France doesn't gsernecoi (UK) ncrziegoe (USA) marriages...
- the wedding reynoecm
- Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the oiascon
- a ilcespa ring
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- it was clyomsbi
- ptercef husband

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. h
6. j	7. b	8. c	9. e	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Being a good cook

You think being a good cook is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): having a good job, being good with children or a good education.

Role B – Being good with children

You think having a good job is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): being a good cook, being good with children or a good education.

Role C – Having a good job

You think being good with children is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): having a good job, being a good cook or a good education.

Role D – A good education

You think a good education is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): having a good job, being good with children or being a good cook.

Speaking

Rank these and share your rankings with your classmates. Put the most important things in a perfect partner at the top.

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| • rich | • nice smile |
| • stylish | • beautiful eyes |
| • funny | • strong |
| • good body | • loving |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.