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Level 4 – 23rd April, 2020

New York allows online lockdown weddings

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THE READING

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New York decided people can get married despite the city being in lockdown. The governor signed an order letting people get married online. All weddings had been stopped. To tie the knot under lockdown, couples must now apply for a marriage license online. Clerks will conduct the ceremony virtually. The new online weddings are legal. A city official said: "The executive order will temporarily suspend a provision of law that requires in-person visits."

Couples can marry via video conferencing. This was previously not legal. The governor joked that: "There is now no excuse when the question comes up for marriage. You can do it by Zoom." Video conferencing platforms allow guests to attend online. Stay-at-home measures have been extended in New York until at least the 15th of May. Social distancing measures could be around for months. This means weddings and other events may continue to be online.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. despite the city being | a. for a marriage license |
| 2. All weddings had | b. order |
| 3. tie | c. been stopped |
| 4. couples must now apply | d. the knot |
| 5. Clerks will conduct the ceremony | e. person visits |
| 6. The new online weddings | f. in lockdown |
| 7. executive | g. are legal |
| 8. law that requires in- | h. virtually |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Couples can marry via | a. events |
| 2. This was previously not | b. online |
| 3. There is now no | c. be online |
| 4. when the question comes | d. legal |
| 5. allow guests to attend | e. measures |
| 6. Social distancing | f. excuse |
| 7. weddings and other | g. video conferencing |
| 8. continue to | h. up for marriage |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New York decided people can get married (1) _____ being in lockdown. The governor (2) _____ letting people get married online. All weddings had been stopped. To (3) _____ under lockdown, couples must now apply for (4) _____ online. Clerks will conduct (5) _____. The new online weddings are legal. A city official said: "The executive order will temporarily suspend a provision of (6) _____ in-person visits."

Couples can (7) _____ conferencing. This was previously not legal. The governor joked that: "There is (8) _____ when the question comes (9) _____.

You can do it by Zoom." Video conferencing platforms allow guests (10) _____.

Stay-at-home measures have been extended in New York (11) _____ the 15th of May. Social distancing measures could be around for months. This means weddings and other events (12) _____ be online.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ONLINE WEDDINGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online weddings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

