

Vocabulary

to be honest

Meaning: Used when telling the truth or giving your real opinion.

Examples:

1. To be honest, I don't like this movie.
2. To be honest, I was surprised by the news.

tend to be

Meaning: Usually are; often happen in a certain way.

Examples:

1. Winters here tend to be very cold.
2. Children tend to be curious about new things.

the reception

Meaning: A party or meal after a wedding ceremony.

Examples:

1. We had the reception at a hotel.
2. The reception lasted until midnight.

and so on

Meaning: And other similar things.

Examples:

1. The shop sells fruits, vegetables, and so on.
2. We talked about school, friends, and so on.

personally

Meaning: In my own opinion; for me.

Examples:

1. Personally, I prefer tea over coffee.
2. Personally, I think the movie was too long.

tens of thousands of pounds

Meaning: An amount of money between 20,000 and 90,000 pounds.

Examples:

1. They spent tens of thousands of pounds on their house.
2. The damage cost tens of thousands of pounds to fix.

waste of money

Meaning: Spending money on something not worth it.

Examples:

1. Buying that car was a waste of money.
2. Expensive gifts can be a waste of money.

go overboard

Meaning: Do too much of something; go too far.

Examples:

1. They went overboard with the decorations.
2. Don't go overboard when adding sugar.

personal taste

Meaning: Someone's own likes or preferences.

Examples:

1. Her personal taste in music is very different from mine.
2. It's just a matter of personal taste.

once-in-a-lifetime thing

Meaning: Something that happens only once and is very special.

Examples:

1. Visiting the pyramids was a once-in-a-lifetime thing.
2. Winning the championship was a once-in-a-lifetime thing.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences below with the vocabulary words.

overboard • personally • tend to be
and so on • supposed to be

1. My lunch is usually cheese, crackers, grapes,
2. Billy was ___ here an hour ago.
3. Cats ___ smaller than dogs.
4. Don't go ___ by studying all night.
5. I ___ enjoy ham sandwiches.

Nicola / England 

What is an ideal wedding?

Hello, my name is Nicola and I'm from England and my question is what is an ideal wedding?

I think that depends on your own personal taste *to be honest*. Many girls, because I think it's the women that *tend to be* arranging the weddings rather than the men, but they tend to go for the traditional big, white wedding with the very expensive dress, the very expensive place to eat, to have *the reception*, the DJ *and so on* and so on.

Personally, I think that spending *tens of thousands of pounds* on a wedding is a *waste of money*. I would prefer something quite simple like a little ceremony with just some close friends and family of course, and then something to eat afterwards and maybe obviously some music to have a little bit of dance to and a bit of wine, but not something that costs so much money.

I do think that we *go overboard* with this type of thing, but it is your own *personal taste* and of course it's supposed to be a *once-in-a-lifetime thing* that we do, so I

guess that's why people do spend so much money. What about you? What's your ideal wedding?

Choose the Correct Words per the Audio

Hello, my name is Nicola and I'm from **tend/dance/England/thing** and my question is what is an ideal **spending/something/thing/wedding**?

I think that **tend/depends/friends/expensive** on your own personal taste to be **honest/waste/costs/money**. Many girls, because I think it's the women that **spending/tend/friends/depends** to be arranging the weddings rather than the men, but they tend to go for the **thing/taste/reception/traditional** big, white wedding with the very **expensive/spending/depends/friends** dress, the very expensive place to eat, to have the **traditional/reception/wedding/thing**, the DJ and so on and so on.

Personally, I think that **spending/depends/something/wedding** tens of thousands of pounds on a wedding is a **quite/taste/waste/tend** of money. I would prefer something **taste/quite/waste/tend** simple like a little ceremony with just some close **spending//tend/friends/depends** and family of course, and then **wedding/spending/something/thing** to eat afterwards and maybe obviously some music to have a little bit of **waste/dance/taste/money** and a bit of wine, but not something that **waste/taste/costs/honest** so much money.

I do think that we go **overboard/traditional/money/tend** with this type of thing, but it is your own personal **taste/quite/waste/tend** and of course it's supposed to be a one-in-a-lifetime **something/spending/thing/wedding** that we do, so I guess that's why people do spend so much **money/honest/something/dance**. What about you? What's your ideal wedding?

Quiz

1) She believes that _____ arrange weddings more often.

- a) men
- b) women**

2) What size wedding does she prefer?

- a) big and expensive
- b) small and cheap**

3) Why does Nicola think people spend a lot of money?

- a) It should only happen once.**
- b) Food and wine is expensive.