

# Wedding Reception

**THEME:** INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

**LANGUAGE:** ANY

**STANDARDS:** COMMUNICATION CULTURES

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## Time Frame:

Two 50-minute class periods

## Materials Needed:

- Role descriptions to use as models (provided)
- Pieces of paper on which students can create mystery guest descriptions
- A video clip of a wedding reception or a photo album

## Description of Task:

### Pre-task:

The teacher shows a 3-4 minute video clip from a well-known feature film (e.g., *Four Weddings and a Funeral* or other film from the target culture) or a home video/photo album of a wedding reception. After viewing the clip, the teacher asks students to think about a large wedding reception and the guests who might attend. Students make a list of the types of invited guests and share this list with a partner.

### Set-up for the task:

In this interactive task, students will be playing the role of either “Guest A” or “Guest B” at a wedding reception. The roles are described as follows:

#### Guest A:

Students playing the part of “Guest A” imagine that they spent a year in the target culture as an exchange student. Many years have passed and they are returning for the wedding of one of their host family members. There is one specific person that they would like to find, but they are not sure

### Level:

Intermediate Low-Mid

### Purpose:

To exchange specific information about people

### Communicative

#### Function(s):

Interpersonal: Identifying oneself to others

### Language Structure(s):

Past tense, descriptive adjectives, and interrogatives

### Cultural Aspects:

Referencing and writing about authentic target culture places, practices, and people

### Modalities:

Listening

Speaking

## NOTES

if they would still recognize this person. However, they remember some of the unique characteristics of the person. In order to find this person (a “Guest B”), students will need to move around the room and chat with the other “wedding guests.” They must discover at least four characteristics before they can guess the identity of the mystery person.

### *Guest B:*

Students playing the part of “Guest B” imagine that they once knew an American exchange student who spent a year in their country. Many years have passed and the American is returning for a wedding of someone in their former host family. They know that this American will be looking for them. They need to role play the part of the wedding guest, “Guest B”, so that they can be found. In order to be found by a “Guest A”, students will move around the room and chat with the other “wedding guests.”

The teacher can either provide role descriptions (6 examples in French, German, and Spanish are provided) or have pairs of students create role descriptions. For the latter, the teacher distributes culturally-authentic names of imaginary wedding guests and a six- or seven-part description of each guest to a pair of students (see sample language-specific descriptions provided). Students will read this description and use it as a model to create their own description of a wedding guest. It may also be helpful for the teacher to model the creation of a pair of wedding guests for the whole class prior to having pairs write their descriptions. Students should be reminded to write descriptions which reflect their knowledge of places and practices in the target culture.

The pair creates two versions of the same description, one labeled “Guest A” and one labeled “Guest B”, and writes them on the two small pieces of paper. Students will need to change verbs and other structures to correspond to the guest (see examples provided). Students will use the same descriptors on each slip, however, the descriptors should be listed in a different order on the “Guest A” and “Guest B” copies (see examples). This will make the task more challenging for the students as they search for their partners.

### ***During task:***

Teacher collects the student-generated descriptions from each pair (or uses role descriptions that have been prepared ahead of time). The class will be divided in two groups, so that half of the students are a “Guest A” (role of former exchange student) and half are a “Guest B” (a mystery wedding guest). The teacher redistributes the student-generated descriptions to the class members making certain that no student receives their own description. Then “Guest A” students move around the room asking

their classmates questions in order to find the person with a matching description. “Guest B” students are encouraged to play their particular role and circulate among the other guests introducing themselves. “Guest A” students should be encouraged to ask a minimum of four questions before guessing their mystery counterpart. Some of the traits may be shared by more than one person, but only one “Guest B” student will be the perfect match! Once they have found their partners, the pair of students review the unique characteristics of their mystery guest, so that they can introduce this person to the entire class.

(Note: If possible, the teacher could simulate a wedding reception in the classroom with simple decorations and perhaps a punch bowl and glasses, etc.)

### **Post-task:**

Each pair of students will creatively present their mystery guest with an oral description of the guest to the class. Students should be encouraged to stay in character and role play the part. Both partners (“Guest A” and “Guest B”) will share in the presentation. Their class members will listen for three unique characteristics of the mystery guest being described and write these down.

### **Assessment:**

Informal assessment of oral skills can be done as students search for their partners. Oral presentation skills can be assessed holistically with points given for clarity and ability to communicate effectively. Each pair of students turns in their wedding guest’s description for the teacher to evaluate the written work. The written descriptions can be assessed for language use (e.g., structures that correspond to each role; gender agreement) and degree to which the descriptions incorporate knowledge of the target culture.

### **Extensions:**

#### ***Suggestions for adapting the task for various levels:***

*For beginning levels:* Students use prepared roles and take time to practice prior to the interactive task. They can also prepare a few simple descriptions of the mystery guests using familiar vocabulary and structures.

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*For advanced levels:* Once they have found their partners, students can write a detailed description of how they came to know their mystery guest.

### **Other extensions:**

Students prepare new descriptions of wedding guests for another class to use for the same activity.

### **Cultural extensions:**

- Students can discuss and compare the role of the extended family and family celebrations in the target culture and in the U.S.
- Students can write descriptions of characters from a piece of literature or of famous people from a specific period in the history of the target culture. They can role play these famous people in the same type of “mystery guest” activity.

### **Reflections:**

## Wedding Reception Roles: French

<p><b>Guest A:</b> Tu cherches Tonton Henri Courier qui...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Tu es Tonton Henri Courier. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• habite à Marseilles.</li> <li>• fait une bouillabaise délicieuse.</li> <li>• à qui tu as rendu visite à Marseilles il y a 20 ans.</li> <li>• est maintenant veuf.</li> <li>• a quatre enfants.</li> <li>• est le frère de ton ancienne hôtesse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as reçu un(e) américain(e) chez toi à Marseilles il y a 20 ans.</li> <li>• habites à Marseilles.</li> <li>• fais une bouillabaise délicieuse.</li> <li>• es maintenant veuf.</li> <li>• as quatre enfants.</li> <li>• es le frère de l'ancienne hôtesse d'un(e) étudiant(e) américain(e).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Tu cherches Annick Domas qui...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Tu es Annick Domas. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• est de Brest.</li> <li>• fait des courses de voiture et elle se présente aux 24 Heures du Mans chaque année.</li> <li>• est avocate.</li> <li>• a 40 ans.</li> <li>• est célibataire et vit avec un homme.</li> <li>• a une fille de dix ans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es avocate.</li> <li>• as 40 ans.</li> <li>• es de Brest.</li> <li>• fais des courses de voiture et tu te présentes aux 24 Heures du Mans chaque année.</li> <li>• es célibataire et vit avec un homme.</li> <li>• as une fille de dix ans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Tu cherches Dominique Pasquillier qui...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Tu es Dominique Pasquillier. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• s'est mariée avec le maire d'Ales l'année dernière.</li> <li>• élève des chèvres et des poules.</li> <li>• a 53 ans.</li> <li>• habite une ferme dans les Cevennes.</li> <li>• est vétérinaire.</li> <li>• chez qui tu es resté(e) un week-end il y a 20 ans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• habites une ferme dans les Cevennes.</li> <li>• es vétérinaire.</li> <li>• t'es mariée avec le maire d'Ales l'année dernière.</li> <li>• élèves des chevres et des poules.</li> <li>• as 53 ans.</li> <li>• as passé un week-end avec un(e) américain(e) chez toi il y a 20 ans.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Guest A:</b> Tu cherches Antoin Parnot qui...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Tu es Antoin Parnot. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adore écouter la musique du jazz.</li> <li>• est de Lyon mais habite Strasbourg maintenant.</li> <li>• a 38 ans.</li> <li>• travaille au Café du Coin.</li> <li>• a deux enfants, une fille de 9 ans et un garçon de 7 ans.</li> <li>• est le cousin de ton ancienne hôtesse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• travailles au Café du Coin.</li> <li>• adores écouter la musique du jazz.</li> <li>• es de Lyon mais habites Strasbourg maintenant.</li> <li>• as 38 ans.</li> <li>• es le cousin de la famille qui a accueilli un(e) étudiant(e) américain(e) chez eux.</li> <li>• as deux enfants, une fille de 9 ans et un garçon de 7 ans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Tu cherches tante Jeannine Blaise qui...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Tu es tante Jeannine Blaise. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a divorcé il y a 4 ans.</li> <li>• a 7 enfants qui sont adultes et mariés.</li> <li>• est médecin.</li> <li>• adore les américains et fait souvent des voyages aux Etats-Unis.</li> <li>• habite à Rouen.</li> <li>• a une belle maison de campagne où tu as fait du jus de pommes il y a 20 ans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es médecin.</li> <li>• habites à Rouen.</li> <li>• as divorcé il y a 4 ans.</li> <li>• as 7 enfants qui sont adultes et mariés.</li> <li>• as une belle maison de campagne où tu fais du jus de pommes.</li> <li>• adores les américains et fais souvent des voyages aux Etats-Unis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Tu cherches Thierry Boillon qui...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Tu es Theirry Boillon. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• habite à St. Jean-de-Luz au bord de la mer.</li> <li>• chez qui tu as passé deux semaines de vacances il y a 20 ans.</li> <li>• est un ancien professeur d'histoire.</li> <li>• est en retraite depuis 10 ans.</li> <li>• joue aux boules tous les jours.</li> <li>• adore faire la cuisine, il t'a fait un très bon cassoulet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es en retraite depuis 10 ans.</li> <li>• es un ancien professeur d'histoire.</li> <li>• habites à St. Jean-de-Luz au bord de la mer.</li> <li>• joues aux boules tous les jours.</li> <li>• adores faire la cuisine, et fais un bon cassoulet.</li> <li>• as reçu un(e) étudiant(e) américain(e) chez toi pendant deux semaines il y a 20 ans.</li> </ul>

## Wedding Reception Roles: German

<p><b>Guest A:</b> Du suchst Gabi Gugel, die...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in Würzburg wohnt</li> <li>• Lehrerin ist</li> <li>• sich für die Umwelt interessiert</li> <li>• du vor 20 Jahren mit deiner Gastfamilie besucht hast</li> <li>• verheiratet ist</li> <li>• ein Kind hat</li> <li>• die Schwester von deinem Gastvater ist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Du heisst Gabi Gugel. Du....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bist die Schwester von deinem Gastvater</li> <li>• interessierst dich für die Umwelt</li> <li>• wohnst in Würzburg</li> <li>• hast vor 20 Jahren mit deiner Gastfamilie besucht</li> <li>• bist verheiratet</li> <li>• hast ein Kind</li> <li>• bist Lehrerin</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Du suchst Günther Grass, der...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aus Danzig kommt</li> <li>• in Berlin wohnt</li> <li>• Kurzgeschichten schreibt</li> <li>• Wienerschnitzel gern isst</li> <li>• der Onkel von deiner Gastmutter ist</li> <li>• drei Katzen hat</li> <li>• dir vor 20 Jahren Klavier vorgespielt hat</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Du bist Günther Grass. Du...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hast drei Katzen</li> <li>• bist der Onkel von deiner Gastmutter</li> <li>• wohnst in Berlin</li> <li>• schreibst Kurzgeschichten</li> <li>• hast Wienerschnitzel gern</li> <li>• hast dem Austauschschüler vor 20 Jahren Klavier vorgespielt</li> <li>• kommst aus Danzig</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Du suchst Stefan Fehm, der...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in Würzburg wohnt</li> <li>• aus Berlin kommt</li> <li>• mit dir vor 20 Jahren das Gymnasium besucht hat</li> <li>• ledig ist</li> <li>• Schach spielt</li> <li>• Apfeltorte gern isst</li> <li>• der Neffe von dem Gastbruder ist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Du bist Stefan Fehm. Du...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spielst Schach</li> <li>• kommst aus Berlin</li> <li>• bist der Neffe von dem Gastbruder</li> <li>• wohnst in Würzburg</li> <li>• bist ledig</li> <li>• hast mit dem Austauschschüler vor 20 Jahren das Gymnasium besucht</li> <li>• hast Apfeltorte gern</li> </ul>

<p><b>Guest A:</b> Du suchst Sirtha Fries, die...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nicht verheiratet ist</li> <li>• im Bundestag arbeitet</li> <li>• keine Kinder hat</li> <li>• gerne nach Italien reist</li> <li>• in Berlin wohnt</li> <li>• eine Freundin der Gastschwester ist</li> <li>• mit dir vor 20 Jahren oft wandern gegangen ist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Du bist Sirtha Fries. Du...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bist mit der Austauschschülerin vor 20 Jahren oft wandern gegangen</li> <li>• wohnst in Berlin</li> <li>• arbeitest im Bundestag</li> <li>• reist gerne nach Italien</li> <li>• bist eine Freundin der Gastschwester</li> <li>• bist verheiratet</li> <li>• hast keine Kinder</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Du suchst Karin Strohmann, die...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aus Basel kommt</li> <li>• Lehrerin ist</li> <li>• mit dir vor 20 Jahren nach Paris gereist ist</li> <li>• sich um die Umwelt sorgt</li> <li>• nicht verheiratet ist</li> <li>• drei Katzen hat</li> <li>• die Nichte vom Gastbruder ist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Du bist Karin Strohmann. Du...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bist nicht verheiratet</li> <li>• hast drei Katzen</li> <li>• kommst aus Basel</li> <li>• bist die Nichte vom Gastbruder</li> <li>• bist Lehrerin</li> <li>• sorgst dich um die Umwelt</li> <li>• bist mit der Austauschschülerin vor 20 Jahren nach Paris gereist</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Du suchst Wolfgang Schnitzler, der...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aus Leipzig kommt</li> <li>• Weinerschnitzel nicht leiden kann</li> <li>• Schönberg und Bach lieber als Beethoven hört</li> <li>• sich Schachwettbewerben gerne anschaut</li> <li>• ein Kind hat</li> <li>• mit der Gastschwester verheiratet ist</li> <li>• dir vor 20 Jahren das Bein beim Fußballspielen gebrochen hat</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Du bist Wolfgang Schnitzler. Du...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hast dem Austauschschüler vor 20 Jahren das Bein beim Fußballspielen gebrochen</li> <li>• hast ein Kind</li> <li>• kommst aus Leipzig</li> <li>• kannst Weinerschnitzel nicht leiden</li> <li>• schaut dir Schachwettbewerben gerne an</li> <li>• bist mit der Gastschwester verheiratet</li> <li>• hörst Schönberg und Bach lieber als Beethoven</li> </ul>



## Wedding Reception Roles: Spanish

<p><b>Guest A:</b> Estás buscando a María Iglesias, que....</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Usted es María Iglesias. Usted...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vive en Valencia</li> <li>• hace buena paella</li> <li>• le visitaste hace 20 años con tu familia española</li> <li>• es viuda</li> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> <li>• es la hermana de tu padre español</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> <li>• hace 20 años la visitó un estudiante extranjero con la familia de su hermano</li> <li>• usted es viuda</li> <li>• vive en Valencia</li> <li>• es la hermana del padre español del estudiante extranjero</li> <li>• hace buena paella</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Estás buscando a Juan Morelos, que...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Eres Juan Morelos. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es de Pamplona</li> <li>• le visitaste hace 20 años con tu familia española</li> <li>• participa en los encierros de San Fermín todos los años</li> <li>• es abogado</li> <li>• es el hermano de tu padre español</li> <li>• es viudo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eres viudo</li> <li>• hace 20 años la visitó un estudiante extranjero con la familia de su hermano</li> <li>• eres abogado</li> <li>• eres de Pamplona</li> <li>• eres el hermano del padre español del estudiante extranjero</li> <li>• participas en los encierros de San Fermín todos los años</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Estás buscando a Armando Calderón, que...</p>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Eres Armando Calderón. Tu...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tiene 20 años</li> <li>• es de Barcelona</li> <li>• estudia en Valencia</li> <li>• fue un estudiante de intercambio en Minnesota</li> <li>• participa en los encierros de San Fermín todos los años</li> <li>• es un miembro de tu familia español</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fuiste un estudiante de intercambio en Minnesota</li> <li>• estudias en Valencia</li> <li>• tienes 20 años</li> <li>• eres un miembro de la familia español del estudiante extranjero</li> <li>• eres de Barcelona</li> <li>• participas en los encierros de San Fermín todos los años</li> </ul>

<p><b>Guest A:</b> Estás buscando a Guadalupe Valdez que...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es abogada</li> <li>• es la prima del padre español del estudiante extranjero</li> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> <li>• está casada</li> <li>• vive en Barcelona</li> <li>• hace 20 años la conociste durante las vacaciones en una playa de Valencia</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Usted es Guadalupe Valdez. Usted...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hace 20 años pasaste las vacaciones en una playa de Valencia</li> <li>• tienes cuatro hijos</li> <li>• eres abogada</li> <li>• vives en Barcelona</li> <li>• eres la prima del padre español del estudiante extranjero</li> <li>• estás casada</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Estás buscando a Rafael García que...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es el padre de tu padre español</li> <li>• lo visitaste en su cortijo cerca de Córdoba (un cortijo es una granja típica del sur de España)</li> <li>• está casado</li> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> <li>• sus toros participan en los encierros de San Fermín todos los años</li> <li>• tiene una casa de verano en una playa de Valencia</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Usted es Rafael García. Usted...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> <li>• sus toros participan en los encierros de San Fermín todos los años</li> <li>• está casado</li> <li>• es el padre del padre español del estudiante extranjero</li> <li>• tiene un cortijo cerca de Córdoba</li> <li>• tiene una casa de verano en una playa de Valencia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guest A:</b> Estás buscando a Marielena Herrera que...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vive en Valencia</li> <li>• hace buena paella</li> <li>• era tu maestra hace 20 años</li> <li>• es viuda</li> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> <li>• es una amiga de tu familia española</li> </ul>	<p><b>Guest B:</b> Usted es Marielena Herrera. Usted...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• es una amiga de tu familia española</li> <li>• vive en Valencia</li> <li>• hace buena paella</li> <li>• es maestra</li> <li>• es viuda</li> <li>• tiene cuatro hijos</li> </ul>

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