

Ukraine: Culture Clips

2 Wedding Traditions in Ukraine

1 Suggested Answer Key

I believe that people make such a big effort to plan a traditional wedding because it is one of the most important days in their lives. Their wedding day signals the start of their life together so it makes sense that many couples want to have a grand, traditional affair to celebrate the occasion.

2 Suggested Answer Key

- The groom must offer a ransom to the bride's parents when he asks them to marry her.
- A group of guests steal the bride and do not return her until ransom is paid.
- If the parents don't agree to give away their daughter in marriage they give the man a pumpkin.
- A special bread called *Korovai* is baked for the wedding.
- Sometimes, the wedding reception can last for days.

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1 ransom 4 matchmakers
2 ceremonies 5 embroidered
3 reception hall 6 elders

5 Suggested Answer Key

Dear Alex,

How's everything? I've just come back from Kharkiv, where I attended a wedding. Let me tell you all about it.

The wedding itself was beautiful. The couple wore white and their clothes had matching traditional embroidery on them. During the official ceremony, the bride stepped first on a traditional embroidered towel that had been laid out before them. Now she will have the upper hand in the marriage!

After the ceremony, we went to the reception hall where there was a big party with singing, dancing and games. At the end of the celebrations, every guest was given a piece of the special wedding bread called *Korovai*. It was a beautiful evening that I'll never forget.

Write back with your news.

Olga

6 (Ss' own answers)