

Lesson 272

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Wedding

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参加
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Lesson 272 Notes (Simplified / Traditional):

1. As explained in the lesson, **jià** is only used to describe a woman marrying a man. If you wanted to describe a man marrying a woman you would use the verb **qǔ**.

jià	嫁 / 嫁	to marry a man
qǔ	娶 / 娶	to marry a woman .

2. The traditions mentioned in the lesson are mainly Western in origin. The following are some traditions seen in Chinese culture.

- a. During the engagement process, the groom's side presents the bride's parents with money and other gifts to thank them for their role in raising her.
- b. An auspicious day is chosen for the wedding, based on advice from fortune-tellers who combine birth dates of the bride and groom with the Chinese almanac.
- c. On the day of the wedding, the groom's party would proceed from the groom's house to the bride's house. There, they would be greeted by members of the bridal party, who would not surrender the bride until proper payment is made in the form of money stuffed in red envelopes.
- d. Traditional tea ceremonies are performed by the wedding couple after the wedding ceremony. It is usually performed with the groom's parents and older family members to thank them for their role in raising the groom. In return, the elders gift the couple red envelopes with money to wish them success in their married life.
- e. Wedding banquets tend to be elaborate. There is usually an eight-course meal to symbolize the luck associated with the number eight. The types of foods served are also those associated with happiness and prosperity.
- f. After marriage, it isn't uncommon for the newly married couple to live with the groom's parents.