

High One - Unit Five - Summary

Arranged marriage is a type of marital union where the bride and groom are selected by individuals other than the couple themselves, particularly family members, such as the parents. Arranged marriages have historically been prominent in many cultures, but it has been supposed to be a blind date in the United States of America. In this reading, we are going to talk about an arranged marriage of David Weinlick, the anthropology student at Minnesota University, who predicted his wedding date as a joke.

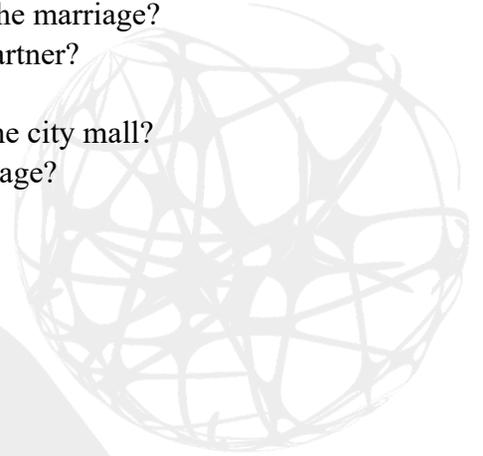
David jokingly told relatives and friends he would be married on June 13, 1998 — even though he didn't have a bride in mind. Friends and family helped Weinlick as the date approached, shooting a commercial and placing online marriage requests. They eventually narrowed the field to limited women to choose the best one who fits David the most. Elizabeth Runze, a pharmacy student at Minnesota University, stood out because she was the nearest case to David's imaginary wife, who would fit his family culture.

They came together, not knowing anything about each other. The couples shared their wedding vows at the Minneapolis mall, while they had been watching by more than 2000 shoppers, and the official marriage contracts were signed.

Although this marriage was totally against the United States of America's prevailing culture, it occurred successfully. Elizabeth's mother had predicted that this online and arranged marriage would be a long-term one. Still, David's father was not optimistic about it since he thought his son had dealt with this serious issue frivolously!

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- 1- Could you explain what an arranged marriage is?
- 2- Why isn't arranged marriage common in the United States of America?
- 3- How was the date of David's wedding predicted?
- 4- What was the best solution to excerpt the well-fitted women for this marriage process?
- 5- What was David's attitude toward the pre-friendship of the marriage?
- 6- Why was David emphasizing a subtle choice for a life partner?
- 7- What was Elizabeth's opinion toward her selection?
- 8- Do you have any idea of why the marriage was held at the city mall?
- 9- Why was David's father pessimist toward his sons' marriage?
- 10- Are you supporting arranged marriages? Why?



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