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After the ceremony and carriage ride through Windsor, a reception will be held in their honour from two o'clock onwards at St George's Hall, where guests will be able to congratulate the bride and groom.

All guests are required to wear a morning coat, lounge suit or military uniform if applicable.

A reply is requested at your earliest convenience which should be addressed to:

State Invitations Secretary,

Lord Chamberlain's Office,

Buckingham Palace,

London,

SW1A 1AA

Quick Questions

1. At what time will the reception begin?

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2. '...request your presence'
   How else could the author have written this?

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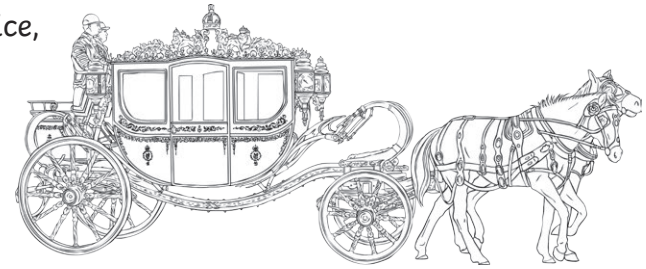

Answers

1. At what time will the reception begin?
   Accept '2pm' or 'two o'clock' only.

2. '...request your presence'
   How else could the author have written this?
   Accept any reasonable rewording of the above phrase which retains meaning, such as: 'ask if you can come', 'invite you to attend', etc.

3. Why do you think that a 'reply is requested'?
   Accept any reasonable answer, such as: 'so that they know how many people to expect'; 'so that they buy the correct amount of food'.

4. Why do you think that this invitation is written in a formal tone?
   Accept any answer which explain that this is a royal event and is therefore quite posh, so the tone of writing on the invitation reflects the regal nature of the event.