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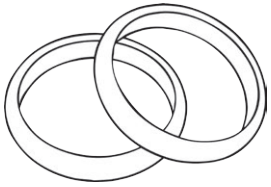
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# Answers




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**Accept the answer 'a horse-drawn carriage (used by the British Royal Family)' only.**




2. Which word in the text means the same as 'family members'?
**Accept the answer 'relatives' only.**




3. Why do you think that so many people listened to the wedding on the radio?
**Accept any answer which explains that the wedding was an incredibly important event, or that people could not afford to go to the event/watch the event on the television so that was the only way they could find out what was happening.**




4. Explain how Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip's wedding is similar to another event you know.
**Accept any reasonable comparison between this wedding and any other event, such as: 'It is similar to my auntie's wedding because she had lots of bridesmaids'; 'It is similar to William and Catherine's wedding because they both happened at Westminster Abbey'.**