

## Comprehension 5

### A Royal Romance

The story of Wills and Kate is a romantic one. It is a story usually heard only in “fairy tales” – a prince meets an ordinary girl and falls in love with her and the girl ends up becoming a Duchess!

Catherine Middleton was born in 1982 in Berkshire, England, to a very ordinary family. Her parents, Michael and Carole, were the creators of an online business which sold party accessories. Catherine had a happy childhood spent playing with her sister Pippa and her brother James. She always worked hard at school and she achieved excellent A-Level results, as well as being the captain of her school hockey team! After sixth form, she was accepted to study Art History at The University of St Andrews, the oldest and best university in Scotland.

It was at university that Catherine first met Prince William. William was the first member of the royal family to ever attend university. He initially applied to study Geography, however after his first year he changed his course to Art History and met Catherine in his lectures. Some might call this fate! At first, the pair were simply good friends. William thought that Catherine was very intelligent, and Catherine found William funny. One evening though, William had a ticket to a catwalk fashion show that had been organised by some of the students to raise money for charity. Catherine had volunteered to be a model in the show and walked the catwalk in an amazing black dress. She looked beautiful and William realised that he was in love with her.

The couple dated for several years and in 2010, whilst on a romantic holiday in Kenya, Prince William proposed to Catherine. She said yes and on 29th April 2011, Catherine married Prince William in the spectacular setting of Westminster Abbey. The wedding ceremony was televised and was watched by 3 billion people throughout the world. She was given the title of ‘The Duchess of Cornwall’.

William is the second in line to the throne and it is expected that, one day, Catherine will be the Queen.

Read the following article and answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Why is the story of William and Catherine romantic?

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2. What was Catherine good at at school? Give two answers.

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3. How did William and Catherine meet?

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4. Why did William fall in love with Catherine?

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5. How did 3 billion people watch William and Catherine's wedding?

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6. Why is it likely that Catherine end up becoming the Queen?

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7. Do you think that you would like to be a prince / princess? Why / why not?

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8. Fill in the word gap:

friends married wedding met love proposed honeymoon course

Prince William and Catherine Middleton \_\_\_\_\_ at university. They were studying the same \_\_\_\_\_ and soon became \_\_\_\_\_. They fell in \_\_\_\_\_. William \_\_\_\_\_ to Catherine in Kenya. They got \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011 and had a big \_\_\_\_\_ in Westminster Abbey. Afterwards they had a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Seychelles.