Nora and Ben's Wedding (B1 · English B1)

Tekst / Transcript

Nora and Ben grew up in the same street. Their friendship began when they were six years old and shared one bicycle. They climbed trees, built small boats and lost them in the river. Their whole childhood smelled of wet grass and cheap ice cream. Later, they went to different schools in different cities, but they wrote letters every month. Nobody was surprised when they got engaged twenty years later.

Ben wanted a very small wedding in his parents' garden. Nora dreamed of a big party with music, dancing and a hundred guests. For three weeks they could not agree. In the end, Ben's grandmother had to persuade him to say yes to the garden party with music. She was a strong woman, and she rarely lost an argument. Ben laughed and said the garden could hold a hundred people if the guests stood close together. Nora's mother called the ceremony a proper marriage, and she cried happily every time she said the word.

On the wedding morning, the sun was warm and the sky was clear. The bride arrived late, because her taxi driver took the wrong road twice. She wore her mother's dress and simple white shoes. An old gentleman in a blue suit played the violin under the apple tree. Ben's friend Marco was the host of the party, and he welcomed everyone with bread, salt and terrible jokes. Marco was also the captain of the local football team, so half the guests wore club shirts under their jackets. Their goalkeeper, the regional champion from last season, brought his medal and showed it to every child.

The speeches were short and funny. Nora's little niece said that the couple looked like a princess and a prince from a fairy tale, and everybody clapped. Ben had to remind his brother to cut the cake before it melted in the heat. The music started at eight and stopped very late. When the last guests left, Nora sat on the garden steps with her shoes in her hand. She said the day had been perfect, even the wrong road and the melting cake.

Woordenlijst

Word	Meaning
bride	
gentleman	
marriage	
princess	
prince	
friendship	
childhood	
engaged	
host	
captain	
champion	
persuade	
remind	
remain	
regularly	
relaxed	

relaxing
release
romantic
respect
occasion
old-fashioned
normal
similarity
similarly

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