

A Royal Wedding – Glossary

apparently adverb

based only on what you have heard, not on what you are certain is true: *Apparently, she resigned because she had an argument with her boss.*

approve verb [transitive]

to give official permission for something: *The new stamps were personally approved by the Queen.*

attend verb [intransitive or transitive]

to be present at an event or activity:
Most of his colleagues attended the wedding.

beam verb [intransitive or transitive]

to send out light, heat, or radio or television signals: *Pictures of the famine were beamed to television audiences all over the world.*

blessing noun [count or uncount]

protection and help from God

breakup noun [count]

the end of a marriage or serious relationship

cause noun [count]

1 an event, thing, or person that makes something happen: *The cause of death was found to be a heart attack.*

2 an aim, idea, or organization that you support or work for: *Campaigners hope that people will be sympathetic to their cause.*

ceremony noun [uncount]

the formal traditions, actions, and words used for celebrating a public or religious event:
They celebrated Easter with lavish ceremony.

civil adjective

done by the state, rather than by religious authorities: *We were married in a civil ceremony.*

controversy noun [count or uncount]

a disagreement that a lot of people have strong feelings about: *the recent controversy over the school's new teaching methods*

criteria (singular **criterion**) noun [plural]

standards that are used for judging something or for making a decision about something:
Everyone whose qualifications meet our criteria will be considered.

divorcee noun [count]

a person who is divorced

fairytale adjective

extremely good, beautiful, or happy:
a fairytale romance

firm adjective

definite and not changing:
Mark's a firm believer in discipline for children.
firmly adverb

further verb [transitive]

to help something to progress or to succeed:
efforts to further the peace process

heir noun [count]

someone who will receive money, property, or a title when another person dies

heir-apparent noun [count]

an heir whose right to a rank or title cannot be taken away if another heir is born

joyous adjective

causing happy feelings

media, the noun

radio, television, newspapers, the Internet, and magazines, considered as a group:
The story has been widely reported in the media.

particularly adverb

especially: *The environment has become a major political issue, particularly in the past decade.*

provoke verb [transitive]

to cause a particular reaction, especially an angry one: *The Minister's speech has provoked a furious reaction.*

republican noun [count]

someone who thinks that their country should not have a king or queen

satisfy verb [intransitive or transitive]

to provide what is needed or wanted: *There's nothing like a cold drink to satisfy your thirst.*

the throne noun [singular]

the position of being a king or queen

upset (present participle **upsetting**; past tense and past participle **upset**) verb [transitive]

to make someone feel sad, worried, or angry:
I'm sorry, I didn't mean to upset you.