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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Inspector Stone

### Ep 1: The wedding party



*NB: This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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#### **Narrator**

Welcome to the Inspector Stone mysteries, the case of the missing ring, brought to you by BBC Learning English. Episode 1 – the wedding party. In this episode, you will learn these words in English: groom, bride, bride's mother, bridesmaid, and the best man. Let the show begin.

#### **Inspector**

*(Telephone answerphone message)* I can't answer the phone right now, I'm cutting my toenails *(sound of cutting toenails)*. Please leave a message.

#### **Best man**

*(Telephone answerphone message)* Inspector Stone, you have to help us! My brother's getting married in 3 hours' time but the ring has gone missing. We need you here now!

#### **Inspector**

Not another crime! Why can't I just cut my toenails!

*(Sound of Inspector travelling to the wedding)*

#### **Crowd**

Ahhhhh, Inspector Stone... He leaves no stone...

#### **Inspector**

Unturned – yes I know, thank you. *(Thinking)* Let's start by looking for the best man. He's usually a friend or relative of the man who gets married. He helps to organise the wedding. Where's the best man?

#### **Best man**

I'm the best man. Please Inspector, you've got to help me. The ring is missing. It cost £5,000!

#### **Inspector**

*(Thinking)* £5,000. I think I hate these people already. Still, I needed to meet all the people at the wedding. They were all **suspects**. The next on my list was the **groom** – he's the man who gets married. Where's the groom?

**Groom**

I'm the groom. Please Inspector, the wedding is in two hours. You must find the ring.

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Hmm, he's a bit strange... And who's crying? Ahh, it's that woman in white. Now who or what has made her cry?

Who are you and why are you wearing white?

**Bride**

*(Upset but surprised at the question)* I'm the bride of course!

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Ahh, the **bride** – so this is the woman who is getting married, hmm – I can see she's going to be a problem.

**Bride**

So how will you find my wedding ring?

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Just as I thought: she's asking difficult questions already. Perhaps her mother is nicer.

Where is the mother of the bride?

**Mother**

I am that person Inspector. I am the mother of the bride. Can I help you?

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* At last: **the mother of the bride** – that's the mother of the woman who is getting married. Always start with the boss.

Do you know where the ring is?

**Mother**

Oh, Inspector, don't waste time with me, you should talk to the groom. He owes the best man £5,000.

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Hmm, the woman is clearly mad... but that's a bit strange – the groom has to pay £5,000 to the best man, and the missing ring is worth exactly £5,000?!

*(Thunderstorm)*

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* It's time to speak to the groom...

Hey groom, come here!

**Groom**

What's the matter Inspector?

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* What's the matter? Who's asking the questions here?

Don't you think it seems like a strange time to get married, when you have a £5,000 debt?

**Groom**

I don't know what you are talking about. Listen Inspector, you must find the ring: I have to get married today. You should speak to the bridesmaid. She is in love with me, and I think she took the ring to stop the wedding.

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* What's going on here? The **bridesmaid** – the friend or relative of the bride who looks after her at the wedding – wants to marry the groom. Well, that is confusing!

Maybe I will speak to the bridesmaid, but you haven't...

*(Sound of running footsteps)*

**Bride**

Inspector! Inspector! There's something I have to tell you... In private.

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Oh no not the bride again. What's happened now?

Come with me and tell me what you need to tell me.

**Bride**

My mother's never liked the groom – she doesn't think he is good enough for me. She is always saying how they're too small, or too...

**Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Hmm, that is very strange. My own **mother-in-law** – the mother of my wife – is just the same... She doesn't think the groom is good enough for her daughter...

## **Bride**

...My mother wants me to marry the best man but he is a bad man! You should ask him about his racing horse.

*(Sound of a horse neighing)*

## **Inspector**

*(Thinking)* Hmm, a horse that races. Well, I haven't learnt much so far... except some very useful new English words. Let's see... So, **the bridesmaid** (that's the friend of the bride) loves **the groom** (that's the man who is getting married), **the bride's mother** (or mother of the bride) wants her daughter to marry **the best man** (who is a friend or relative of the man getting married), **the groom** (that's the man getting married) owes £5,000, the bride hates the best man and now there is a racing horse!!!

*(Sound of a horse neighing)*

## **Inspector**

*(Thinking)* These people are all crazy. Who's telling the truth? Who stole the ring and what will happen next?

## **Narrator**

So what is the truth? Who loves who? And why does this episode have a horse in it? Find out next time when Inspector Stone continues his investigations into the case of the missing ring.

## **Vocabulary**

### **(idiom) leaves no stone unturned**

do everything possible to find something or to solve a problem

### **case**

crime that needs to be solved

### **suspects**

people who the police think may have carried out a crime

### **groom**

man who is getting married

### **bride**

woman who is getting married

**the mother of the bride / bride's mother**

mother of the woman who is getting married

**bridesmaid**

female friend or relative a woman who is getting married and who helps her at the wedding

**mother-in-law**

mother of the woman or man you are married to

**the best man**

male friend or relative of a man who is getting married and who helps him at the wedding

**investigation**

(here) process of asking questions, finding out facts and looking at them in order to solve a crime