Discussion task:
Does your country have a royal family?
Are they popular?
What do you know about the British royal family?

Reading task:
Read this newspaper story about the engagement
of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, a member of
the British royal family.
Who congratulates them on their engagement?

Image: https://www.pexels.com/photo/united-kingdom-marching-band-1128558/

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle engaged

After months of waiting and speculation, the country is ecstatic about news that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are to marry. The news of their engagement came after days of frenzied speculation with, in true modern fashion, a tweet from Clarence House. The British media have been curious about the date of the announcement for some time and it is clear that the British public are eager to see another lavish Royal wedding.

The Prince of Wales, it said, is very pleased to "announce the engagement of Prince Harry to Ms Meghan Markle", with a date pencilled in for the Spring.
The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh said they "are thrilled for the couple and wish them every happiness".
The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall are "thrilled" and "very happy indeed", while the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, their new neighbours, said it has been really enjoyable "getting to know Meghan and to see how happy she and Harry are together."

Ms Markle's parents, Doria and Thomas, added to the congratulations, in a statement issued by Kensington Palace. "We are incredibly happy for Meghan and Harry," they said.
"Our daughter has always been a kind and loving person. To see her union with Harry, who shares the same qualities, is a source of great joy for us as parents.
"We wish them a lifetime of happiness and are very excited about their future together."

Adapted from *The Telegraph*: 27th November, 2017: https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/11/27/harry-meghan-blind-date-engagement-words/

Pattern identification task:
What are the words used to describe the emotions and feelings expressed in this news story?.

Pattern identification task 2:

Fill in the tables with examples from the text. The first has been done for you.

	be-verb	ADJ	*to*	verb clause
Pattern 3.1 **ADJ *to*-inf**	is	very pleased	to	announce

	be-verb	ADJ	*for*	somebody
Pattern 3.2 **ADJ *for* n**				

	be-verb	ADJ	*about*	noun group
Pattern 3.3 **ADJ *about* n**				

Pattern production tasks:

Below are two production tasks: one writing and one speaking.

Writing task

Imagine you attended your friend's wedding last week. Write them an email.

- Congratulate them on their wedding.
- Tell them what you enjoyed about the party.
- Wish them luck for their future.

Speaking task

With your partner practice the following conversation:

- One person announce some good news.
- The other person listens and then congratulates.
- Finally, wish them luck for their future.