

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?



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 they are truly thankful to, “get 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. As parents, we are overjoyed to see her union with Harry, who shares the same qualities.

“We wish them a lifetime of happiness and are very excited about their future together.”

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Pattern identification task:

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

ecstatic

pleased

curious

thrilled

eager

(very) happy

excited

thankful

delighted

overjoyed

Pattern identification task 2:

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

	<i>be-verb</i>	ADJ	<i>to</i>	verb clause
Pattern 3.1	is	very pleased	to	announce
	are	eager	to	see
ADJ <i>to-inf</i>	are	truly thankful	to	get
	are	overjoyed	to	see

	<i>be-verb</i>	ADJ	<i>for</i>	somebody
Pattern 3.2	are	thrilled	for	the couple
ADJ <i>for n</i>	are	incredibly happy	for	Meghan and Harry

	<i>be-verb</i>	ADJ	<i>about</i>	noun group
Pattern 3.3	is	ecstatic	about	news that ...
ADJ <i>about n</i>	have been	curious	about	the date
	are	excited	about	their future

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.