

## Chatterbox #219 – Western versus Korean weddings

### Episode description

Are you married? If not, have you been to a wedding recently? In this episode, Andrew and Suzanne discuss the similarities and differences between Western weddings and South Korean weddings. This episode is chock-full of interesting stories, so grab your headphones and press play!

### Fun fact

Did you know that engagement and wedding rings are worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because it was once believed that a vein in that finger led directly to the heart? Men believed that if they covered this “love vein” with a ring, it would signify that they had captured the woman’s heart.

### Expressions included in the study guide

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## Transcript

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Hey, everybody. My name is Andrew.

Suzanne: And I'm Suzanne.

Andrew: And you're listening to Culips.

Suzanne, today I think we have a really interesting topic.

Suzanne: OK.

Andrew: And that is Western weddings and Korean weddings. How are they similar, how are they different? And the reason I wanna talk about this is that I just attended a Korean wedding a couple of days ago for one of my good, good friends here. And so I thought that our listeners might find this interesting, even if they're not from Korea or even if they're not from the Wes. They can compare these two wedding cultures with their own wedding culture and see what's similar and what's different.

Suzanne: That's really, really interesting. I love comparing the cultural differences, especially at weddings. It's a pretty funny topic.

Andrew: I was thinking, are there any cultures that don't have weddings? Like, I could imagine some ancient cultures or maybe even some really, really, maybe uncontacted cultures, like, deep in the Amazon jungle or something. But I think these days almost all cultures and all countries have weddings and wedding ceremonies. So I think everyone can relate on some level to this topic.

Suzanne: I think so. I really do, yeah. There's some form of ritual there, for sure.



Andrew: So before we start with our comparison, I would like to tell all of the listeners that there's a study guide for this episode. And if you'd like to study with that, please visit Culips.com, because that is the place where you can download it. And it's awesome. It's **chock-full** of exercises and quizzes and questions that will really help your English grow. And we think it is the best way to study along with Culips. So, once again, to get the study guide, just visit Culips.com.

All right, Suzanne. I have a question for you.

Suzanne: Yes.

Andrew: You're American, but you've lived in Canada for a long time. So with American weddings, with Canadian weddings, where do they usually take place?

Suzanne: Mmm, well, more and more I find weddings have gone from the church, so, like, the actual marriage ceremony at a church, to more of an outdoor or, like, a lake or a more neutral, pretty, scenic area that's not really religious. That's what I've found, more and more. It depends on the couple, if they're religious. But I've only been to maybe five or six weddings that have actually been inside of a church in the US. In more modern times, I would say they take place on a beach or in front of a lake or in a lovely mountain setting, somewhere outside.

Andrew: Or even a **destination wedding**, right? Where you travel to a different country or to Hawaii to have a wedding in a beautiful location.

Suzanne: Yeah, that's it, exactly.

Andrew: Two of my cousins got married within the last few years. And one of them got married at an airport in a hangar, in an airport hangar, which actually was a **dope** venue because, you know, it's big and it was a good place for dancing and music. And another of my cousins got married in a barn on a ranch.

Suzanne: Wow, that's fun.

Andrew: It was empty, didn't have farm animals in the barn or airplanes in the hangar.

But the point here is that, in the West, traditionally weddings were held in churches but now, really, a wedding could be anywhere.

Suzanne: Yeah, it's true.



- Andrew: But in Korea, of course there are probably exceptions to the rule, but every wedding that I've been to has always been held in a wedding hall.
- Suzanne: Oh, OK. I've never heard about that.
- Andrew: Yeah, so a wedding hall is a building that has one function, and that is to have wedding ceremonies inside of it. So the wedding hall that I went to the other day had about three or four big rooms that are set up for weddings. They have all the tables and chairs set up for the guests. There's a raised runway down the middle where the bride and groom come in, so when they walk down the aisle, it's almost like a fashion show.
- Suzanne: Yeah.
- Andrew: They're on, like, a catwalk. There's a stage at the front, there's a house band, there's lighting and video. This is already preinstalled. The band are employees of the wedding hall, there's a singer who will sing a song for the couple, an employee of the wedding hall, and it's all set up for you. So you don't need to do anything.
- Suzanne: Wow.
- Andrew: Yeah, it's a little bit bizarre to me because when I arrived at the wedding hall for my friend's wedding, I walked in and there were so many people in the lobby. And I was, like, why are there so many people here, my friend's not that popular. Then I realized, oh, there's like five weddings happening at the same time.
- Suzanne: That's crazy.
- Andrew: And these are friends and family members from all these different people, so I had to look at the sign and figure out which room my friend was getting married in. So that is the first main difference that I noticed between Western weddings and Korean weddings, and that is location.
- Suzanne: Yes, for sure.
- Andrew: Suzanne, another question for you.
- Suzanne: Yes.
- Andrew: At a Western wedding, what do you do when you arrive? What is the first thing that you should do, when you arrive at the wedding?
- Suzanne: At the **reception** or the ceremony?
- Andrew: At the actual ceremony.



Suzanne: Usually you go and you sit down.

Andrew: Exactly.

Suzanne: And you sit either in the bride's side, on the bride's side or the groom's side, depending on who you know. Or if it's a same-sex wedding, the one bride or the other bride or one groom or the other groom, depending on who you know best, I guess.

Andrew: Right, exactly. Kind of like whose friend you are.

Suzanne: Yeah, or family member.

Andrew: Exactly. But it is traditionally divided into you sit on the person you're closest to or related to.

Suzanne: Yeah.

Andrew: But, OK, so Korea's a different style. You arrive at the wedding hall and first you should do some greeting. So everybody in the wedding will be out in the main lobby except for the bride. So the groom and the groom's family and the bride's family are all there ready to greet you. And so you should say hello, what's up to the family.

And then after that, instead of giving a wedding gift at a Korean wedding, you give money, OK? And who doesn't like to receive money? I think this is actually quite a nice little tradition that Koreans have going on, and that is you just give money to the newlywed couple. So, you should go and pick up an envelope where you can put your money into, and then there is somebody in charge, you give them the money, as a gift.

Suzanne: I find, though, that that's pretty common in Western weddings. I've never given anything but money. I've always given, unless, I mean, my sister's wedding, I gave her something personal, too, like a special jewelry piece for her to wear on the wedding day. But, every wedding I've ever been to, cousins, friends, you know, family, I've always, in France, in the US, in Canada, we put money in a card—cash.

Andrew: Cash, cash speaks.

Suzanne: And there's usually a big box or a house, like, a little dollhouse or something, and you put the money in the house or the box. So maybe that's just a personal experience, I don't know.

Andrew: That's awesome. I'm happy to hear that. So if I get married, I can receive money, too.



Suzanne: Yeah.

Andrew: That's good. The weddings that I've been to in Canada recently, all had a gift registry where there was, like, a list of things they wanted to receive and we were just expected to choose an item from the list and give that as a gift, so.

Suzanne: Yeah, so a lot of people do do that, but most couples nowadays, I find, live together for a bit before getting married, so they already have a lot of things. And most people maybe want to buy a house or they want to, you know, go on a **honeymoon** or do bigger things, and so money is easier than, like, a toaster.

Andrew: Totally.

Suzanne: I had a friend, actually, a lot of people have done this, it's called a honey fund. And they post their trip of their **honeymoon** on the website. Instead of gifts, you can buy parts of their **honeymoon**. So, like, one tour, swimming with dolphins or something. You know, like, you can buy, like, one-fourth of their plane ticket, kind of. And so this way, they don't have to pay for everything.

And this couple, they have a good life, they don't need things, they don't need, you know, appliances and dishes and stuff. They just wanted a dream vacation, and so people contributed. But they also love to be philanthropic, so giving to charity, and so they made one part of the honey fund, you can donate to their favourite charity and you can donate anything, \$20, whatever. And this was really cool, because if you maybe don't have \$200 to buy for a massage or something for their **honeymoon**, you could contribute \$25 or \$50 to their favourite charity, and they really appreciated that so much. So, that was really cool and, just an FYI, one of the people in the couple is Korean, actually.

Andrew: Oh, OK.

Suzanne: But Korean-American.

Andrew: Korean-American.

Suzanne: Korean-American, yeah, she was born in the US.

Andrew: All right.

Suzanne: Anyway, just thought that was funny. But that's a different kind of thing, you know?

Andrew: Yeah.



- Suzanne: Like, I thought that was quite interesting.
- Andrew: That is really interesting to hear, and I was not aware of that, but I like that idea, the honey fund.
- Suzanne: Yeah, yeah, so you can get your dream vacation.
- Andrew: OK, so at a Korean wedding, after you give your money gift, then if you're friends, especially, I think, if you're friends with the bride, which I was, I'm friends with the bride. Instead of going right into the wedding hall and sitting down, you instead go to a special little room beside the wedding hall and take your picture with the bride.
- Suzanne: Oh, that's cool.
- Andrew: It's cool, you're, like, hey, what's up, hey. And she's got all of her best friends back there with her and some family members, maybe. But I thought that's a little weird, it's a little different than in Canada. I've never done that before in Canada. Have you ever done anything like that?
- Suzanne: No. Unless you're in the bridal party, right?
- Andrew: Right, right.
- Suzanne: Like, if you're part of the wedding, then you take pictures with the bride and groom because it's part of their pictures, but not everybody takes pictures, like official pictures. Maybe that happened with my cousin's wedding, a little bit. Everyone took pictures with the bride and groom, but together. That's not normal, that's not a normal thing.
- Andrew: So pictures are another big difference, because the couple in Korea gets all of their wedding pictures done before the wedding.
- Suzanne: Wow. Weird.
- Andrew: Yeah, so when I got the wedding invitation, there was, there was just a digital invitation, there's a link to a website that had all of their wedding pictures already done.
- Suzanne: Wow, so weird.
- Andrew: So in the West, how do we do it, Suzanne?



Suzanne: Yeah, so in the West, we might do, like, engagement pictures before. But you don't do pictures until the day of, usually the photographer will hang out a little bit with the bride and her friends in the morning, getting ready, take pictures of her getting her veil on and her, you know, dress. All the girls hanging out, doing their makeup and hair. Then the photographer will go to the men's area and take picture with the men, and then be there throughout and follow you throughout the whole day and ceremony. The **reception**, people dancing, it's really like a, you know, a documentary of the day more so than having perfect pictures.

Usually after the ceremony, there's a break before the **reception** and everyone in the wedding party, so, like, the maid of honour, the bridesmaids, the groomsmen, and some family members will go to a beautiful location or something like that and do some more stylized photos. And then it's more, kind of, like, **candid** shots, like, people talking and laughing.

Andrew: Right, more off the cuff.

Suzanne: Yeah, totally.

Andrew: So, Sue, the last thing that I wanna highlight here today, something that you just brought up, actually, is the **reception**, because I feel like this is the biggest difference between Western weddings and Korean weddings, because there's no **reception** in Korea.

Suzanne: Really?

Andrew: At least, not in the same way that we know it in the West.

Suzanne: Wow.

Andrew: Inside the wedding hall, there will be a restaurant, a buffet restaurant usually. And so right after the wedding, all of the guests go directly to the buffet and share a meal together.

Suzanne: OK.

Andrew: But, again, like I mentioned, there's four, or five, or six, or seven, eight, nine, ten different weddings happening at once, so this is a huge buffet restaurant. And there's many, many different people all gathered together to eat food. And some people are from your wedding party, but there's other people from other weddings, too. So it's an interesting vibe in the restaurant.



- Andrew: But, yeah, you just eat a meal and then you go home. There's no music, there's no dancing, there's no bar. It's not much of a party vibe, where in the West, once the wedding ceremony is finished, the formalities are over, then it's the celebration. And the **reception** is really more like a huge party, isn't it?
- Suzanne: Yes, yeah, and it can go on, I mean in some cultures like in France, it's like almost all night, until, like, 7 a.m. I mean sometimes you party all night long. It's a big party, definitely, you have an open bar sometimes, like you just go right up to the bar and get free alcohol, which can be a disaster. You have, like, your buffet style or a sit-down dinner where, like, you chose on the invitation whether you'd like to have the beef, the chicken, or the fish or something, or vegetarian.
- Andrew: Often provided by a caterer, too, right? A wedding caterer.
- Suzanne: Yeah, exactly.
- Andrew: Which is a company that specifically cooks food for weddings and parties and events.
- Suzanne: Yeah. And my cousin is a pastry chef and does a lot of wedding cakes. So there's usually, like, a cake person.
- Andrew: Yeah, there's no wedding cake in Korea, either. Interesting.
- Suzanne: Oh my gosh. That's the best part.
- Andrew: I forgot about that.
- Suzanne: Like, there's a wedding cake and, usually in the West, I've seen a groom's cake.
- Andrew: A groom's cake? Interesting.
- Suzanne: Yeah, so usually the groom's cake is a more fun cake. Like, something to do with their interest, the guy's interest, like soccer ball or, like, a big, you know, a guitar or usually, like, a fun cake with, like, a more interesting yummy inside. You know, not so classic, a little more fun and funky. Usually having to do with the personality or culture or family background of the groom. And then I've been to a lot of weddings where there is a candy bar.
- Andrew: Wow.



Suzanne: At the end, after the cake, there's, like, all this candy and cookies and you have bags and you can fill up the bag with jelly beans and Swedish fish and all of the yummy gummy candies and chocolate and take it home with you. And there's also usually, like, a **party favour**, like, something, like, some kind of wedding trinket, like sometimes, like, a knife or a glass with, like, the wedding date and names of the people engraved on the glass. So a lot of times you'll get, like, a little favour from the wedding, like a memento to remember the event.

Andrew: Yeah. And here favour means just, like, a little gift, right?

Suzanne: Yeah, like a souvenir. And there's always either a DJ or a band, right?

Andrew: Lots of dancing.

Suzanne: Lots of dancing, and then the DJ will go, "OK, for the first dance, it's their first dance as Mr and Mrs." And then the bride and groom or bride and bride or groom and groom will come up and do their first dance as, like, an officially married couple.

Andrew: Right.

Suzanne: And they choose the song. Sometimes they have choreography, which is fun to watch.

Andrew: Yeah, there's a whole bunch of different, some really cute and funny and some **cringeworthy**, that you can see on YouTube if you wanna look into wedding dances.

Suzanne: Totally, disaster, disasters. And then there's also another special dance is usually the groom will dance with his mom and the bride will dance with her dad, and that's a special dance, and usually very emotional and sweet. That's a special kind of moment, traditionally.

And there are also weird dances like the chicken dance, right? Like, there are these classic, weird, like, line dances and, you know, things that we do traditionally as a group that bring the wedding all together, both sides, bride and groom. There's one other thing that's quite interesting, I just wanna say that I found in French weddings when I've been to France, they do games, which I find really funny.

Andrew: Cool.



- Suzanne: They switch, so the bride takes off her shoes, the groom takes off his shoes. They switch one shoe so they each have a girl and boy shoe and they sit back-to-back, and maybe the best man will ask questions, like who does the dishes the most? And then if they think it's the girl, they'll lift up the girl's shoe, if it's the guy, they'll lift up the guy's shoe. And you get to see who thinks differently, right? So, like, the girl will always be, like, I do the dishes and the guy will be I do the dishes. They're back-to-back so they don't see what the other one is answering, right?
- Andrew: Sounds like a dangerous game to play at a wedding.
- Suzanne: Oh, it's hilarious. It's so fun, and there's also, like, they take off the garter from the bride's leg and the guy throws it to all of the eligible bachelors in the room.
- Andrew: Right.
- Suzanne: And the bride also has a bouquet and she throws the bouquet to all of the eligible bachelorettes or ladies that are not married in the room, as well. And whoever catches the bouquet and whoever catches the garter has to dance together, too. So there's lots of dances and traditions in the **reception**.
- Andrew: Yeah, the **reception**, to me, is the best part of the wedding, can be really fun. Especially if you haven't seen friends or family for a long time. Sometimes these are the only places you get to hang out with people. So it can be a lot of fun.
- Suzanne: It is a lot of fun, yeah.
- Andrew: Suzanne, I think we'll have to wrap it up here.
- Suzanne: Yeah, that was a lot, sorry. Kinda went on there for a while.
- Andrew: No, that was all right. It was really interesting, actually, to examine some of these differences between Western weddings and Korean weddings. And, hey, all you listeners out there, I know you're from many different countries other than Canada, USA, and Korea, and France, and I would love to know how you do a wedding ceremony in your country. Is it similar to the West? Similar to Korea? Or completely different? I'm really curious about this, so please send me and Suzanne and the rest of the Culips team an email so that we can learn about how you celebrate weddings in your culture. Suzanne, what's our email address?
- Suzanne: So to send us an email, you can send it to [contact@Culips.com](mailto:contact@Culips.com), or you can send us a message on Facebook, as well.



Andrew: That is right. Again, if you would like the study guide for this episode, please visit our website, Culips.com, and you can download it there. OK, that is it for us, we'll be back soon with another Culips episode, and we'll talk to you then. Goodbye, everyone.

Suzanne: Bye, guys.

## Detailed Explanations

### Chock-full Adjective

To be **chock-full** of something is to be filled to the limit, to be overflowing, to be brimming with something. In this episode, Andrew says the Culips study guides are **chock-full** of interesting activities to help your English grow. In other words, the Culips study guides are overflowing with information and activities to improve your English skills.

Here are a couple more examples with **chock-full**:

Tim:	Is Grandma coming today?
Dad:	Yes, she is. She'll be here around 3:00.
Tim:	Is she bringing her bag, you know, the one with the bears on it?
Dad:	Yes, I'm sure she's bringing her bag <b>chock-full</b> of candies and presents for you. You know she brings it every time she comes to visit.
Tim:	Yay! I love when Grandma comes. I can't wait!

Doctor:	Mr Snyder, you really need to start eating better if you don't want to suffer another heart attack.
Mr Snyder:	Why is it that everything delicious on this Earth is bad for you, and all of the healthy foods taste like grass?
Doctor:	That is just not true, Mr Snyder. You just need to use the proper seasonings. Brussel sprouts, spinach, carrots, they are <b>chock-full</b> of amazing vitamins and nutrients. If you roast them in the oven with some balsamic vinegar, garlic, and a pinch of salt, just a pinch, you will never be dissatisfied with eating vegetables again. I promise.

## Destination wedding

Noun

A **destination wedding** is a wedding held at a unique location far away from the couple's home. Couples often hold **destination weddings** in gorgeous tropical places like Hawaii, the Caribbean, and Mexico. **Destination weddings** are an amazing way to have a wedding and a vacation all at the same time but, due to the distance and price, it often means fewer guests are able to attend than with a normal local wedding.

Here are a couple more examples with **destination wedding**:

Janice:	Whatcha doin'?
Patty:	I'm looking at plane tickets to Spain. My friend is having a <b>destination wedding</b> in Barcelona.
Janice:	Wow, that's cool!
Patty:	Yeah, it's a little inconvenient with my work schedule, but I'm really excited. I've always wanted to go to Spain; this is the perfect excuse to go.
Janice:	Yeah, and maybe you'll find your own devilishly handsome Spanish gentleman while you're there.
Patty:	Haha, Janice! Don't be silly.

Monica:	Where do you think we should get married, sweetie?
Raj:	How about a <b>destination wedding</b> ? I'm thinking Maui, you know, since we met there?
Monica:	Oh, how romantic! I've always wanted to go back to Maui anyways. Let's do it! I love you.

## Dope

Adjective, slang

**Dope** is a slang, or informal, word that means very good or awesome. For example, the sentence, "That movie was **dope**!" means that the movie was really good.

In this episode, Andrew says that one of his cousins was married in a **dope** venue, an airplane hangar. Getting married in an airplane hangar is unique and interesting. It is not the usual place where couples get married, so Andrew thought it was **dope**, or really cool.

**Dope** is a slang word that everyone knows, but it is a bit outdated now. **Dope** was first used in hip-hop in the early 80s, and it became widely used after that. But nowadays people, especially young people, don't really use this word in their everyday conversations.

Here's one more example with **dope**:

Josh:	Hey, bro. Check out my new sneakers.
Matt:	Man, those are <b>dope</b> !
Josh:	Yeah, I got them off of eBay for, like, half price.
Matt:	That's a total steal.



## Honeymoon

Noun

A **honeymoon** is a vacation that a newly married couple takes immediately following their wedding. At least in the past, a **honeymoon** was the first chance for couples to travel alone together, a chance for them to learn about one another as a couple and to celebrate their new life together.

Here are a couple more examples with **honeymoon**:

Misha:	Victor and I are starting to brainstorm for our <b>honeymoon</b> . Where did you guys go for yours?
Irene:	We went on a <b>honeymoon</b> cruise through the Caribbean. It was a lot of fun, but I think you guys should do something outdoorsy. You guys are very adventurous, after all.
Misha:	Yes, we thought about a climbing trip in Peru or maybe a hike up Mount Kilimanjaro.
Irene:	Exciting, but not very romantic.
Misha:	It's more about the fun and the challenge than the romance. You know us, we can never turn down a challenge.

Beth:	Joe, we haven't really travelled, except for a few weekend trips, since our <b>honeymoon</b> . Why don't we go somewhere, just the two of us, for a couple of days?
Joe:	You know, I was thinking the same exact thing the other day! How about Egypt? It's always been my dream to see the pyramids.
Beth:	Egypt! That's so far. I had no idea you wanted to go there. Let's do it!



## Reception

Noun

A **reception** is a formal social gathering held to celebrate a particular event. In Western culture, a wedding is composed of a marriage ceremony where the bride and groom get married in front of a minister and their friends and family. Following the marriage ceremony, the wedding participants move on to the wedding **reception**, a kind of after-party where family and friends eat, drink, and dance to celebrate the marriage of the happy couple.

A **reception** is not always linked to weddings. For example, a funeral **reception** is held after the death of a loved one; it's an event where people reconnect and spend time together and reminisce about the life of the person who passed away.

Here are a couple more examples with **reception**:

Gigi:	Should we have an open bar at our wedding <b>reception</b> ?
Cliff:	No way. Do you remember what happened at Tony's wedding <b>reception</b> ? A couple of the groomsmen got incredibly drunk and started smashing bottles on the tabletops.
Gigi:	Oh, yes, I remember. That was horrible! OK, no open bar, then.
Cliff:	I think that's a good choice. How about an espresso bar instead?

Teresa:	Wanna go catch a movie on Saturday? I heard a new superhero movie is in.
Melody:	No, sorry, I have to go to a funeral.
Teresa:	Oh, I'm sorry. Who died, if you don't mind me asking?
Melody:	Oh, no one I know. I'll be catering the event. You know, just preparing and serving food for the <b>reception</b> afterwards.
Teresa:	Oh, well, that's a relief—for you, I mean.

## Candid Adjective

To be **candid** is to be truthful and honest. In this episode, Suzanne mentioned **candid** photos at weddings. What exactly is a **candid** photograph? A **candid** photograph is a photograph that is not staged, where the person or people being photographed are not posing for their photos. Pictures taken in motion or pictures taken of people who are unaware of the camera are lifelike. Real-life **candid** photos often capture an event in a way that may not be as neat and clean as posed photos, but provide more feeling for the viewers of the photographs.

**Candid** can also be used to describe a person. A **candid** person is someone who is direct and able to give their truthful opinion about something without evading or lying.

Here are a couple more examples with **candid**:

Jacklyn:	I'm being fired? Why?
Boss:	Let's have a <b>candid</b> discussion, shall we? You show up to work late 3 out of 5 days, you sleep at your desk, and you really made a mess of the Gallagher case last month. We almost lost a \$2 million deal because of you. Truthfully, I think you would do better in another profession.
Jacklyn:	Wow, that was <b>candid</b> . I understand, sir. I really did mess up with the Gallaghers last month. I will take responsibility for my actions.

Tomas:	Could you please move around a bit? I really want to get a more <b>candid</b> shot.
Sara:	How about like this?
Tomas:	No, no, no! You still look like you are posing for the camera. I want you to look real!
Sara:	I am real! What more do you want me to do?
Tomas:	Perfect! That anger and frustration is just what I was looking for!

## Party favour

Noun

A **party favour** is a small gift given at parties to thank guests for attending or as a memento to better remember the event. **Party favours** are often inexpensive, but they add a friendly touch to an event.

Here's one more example with **party favour**:

Kimmy:	How was Jim and Alfonso's wedding?
Raina:	It was simply marvelous! The wedding ceremony brought me to tears, it was so beautiful, and the reception afterwards was insanely fun. We each even received a <b>party favour</b> . Alfonso works at a winery, so he gave every guest a small bottle of wine and a cheese basket for attending.
Kimmy:	Oh, how thoughtful! I wish I could have gone.
Raina:	Yes, it really was too bad you broke your leg last week. Anyways, I brought you a piece of the wedding cake as a consolation!



## Cringeworthy

Adjective

A **cringeworthy** thing causes feelings of embarrassment and awkwardness. When you hear something **cringeworthy** a common reaction is to blush, shrug your shoulders, or turn away. This word was discussed once before a few years ago in the Culips episode CW162. If you would like to read more about it, go to that episode's study guide and check it out.

Here's one more example with the word **cringeworthy**:

Lucy:	Have you ever thought about going on a date with Craig? He asked about you.
Hinata:	No way. I'm not interested. Thinking about Craig in a romantic way is positively <b>cringeworthy</b> .
Lucy:	C'mon. He's not so bad.
Hinata:	Lucy. He has a moustache that looks like a fat caterpillar sitting on his lip and he picks his nose in public. He's a barbarian!

## Quiz

**1. What is a slang word that means awesome, very good, or cool?**

- a) wack
- b) dope
- c) bummed
- d) flipped

**2. What is an antonym for the phrase chock-full of [something]?**

- a) overflowing with [something]
- b) brimming with [something]
- c) spilling-over with [something]
- d) drained of [something]

**3. What characteristics does someone have if they are a candid person?**

- a) truthful and straightforward
- b) sweet and kind
- c) rough and rugged
- d) soft and sensitive

**4. Which is an example of a destination wedding?**

- a) a wedding at the church the couple attends weekly
- b) a wedding at the beach down the street from the couple's house
- c) a wedding in a resort in a neighbouring country
- d) a wedding in a beautiful park in the neighbourhood

**5. When does the wedding reception take place?**

- a) the day before the wedding
- b) directly after the wedding ceremony
- c) directly before the wedding ceremony
- d) during the wedding ceremony

## Writing and Discussion Questions

1. In your country, what is the schedule for a typical wedding? Does it have a ceremony followed by a reception, a party, or a buffet?
2. What are some special traditions that take place during weddings in your country?
3. Have you ever been married? Where did you go on your honeymoon? If you aren't married, have you thought about where you would like to go?
4. Would you rather have a local wedding or a destination wedding?
5. Have you ever given or received a party favour? What was it? What was the occasion?
6. Can you describe one cringeworthy event that happened in your life? What made it so embarrassing?

## Quiz Answers

1.b    2.d    3.a    4.c    5.b

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