

Catchword #168 – Let's get married!

Episode Description

There's more than one way to talk about marriage. In this episode, Andrew and Maura explore some popular slang expressions related to getting married. If you're thinking about popping the question, this show is a must-listen!

Sample Dialogue

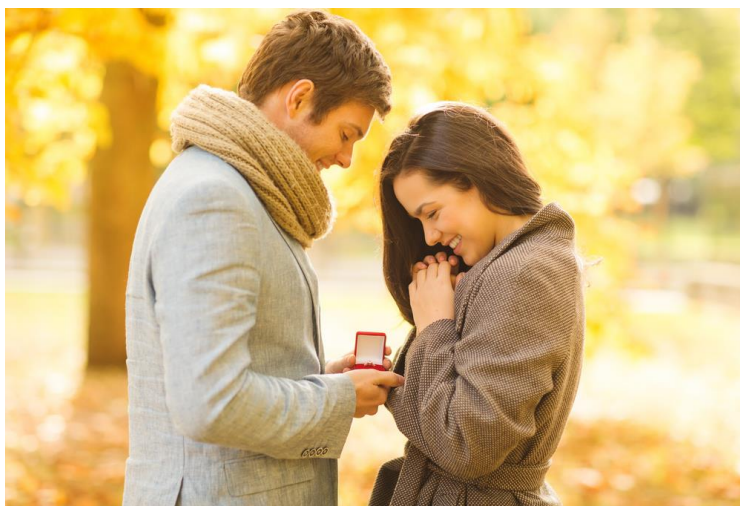
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Maura: Yeah. I don't think I ever have. It's pretty dramatic.

Expressions Included in the Learning Materials

- Can always / could always
- To ask for someone's hand in marriage
- To pop the question
- A Jumbotron
- To turn up
- To keep your eyes in the sky
- To get hitched
- Bridge (the card game)
- To tie the knot
- Up to you



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Note: The words and expressions that appear in **bold text** within the transcript are discussed in more detail in the detailed explanations section that follows the transcript.

Transcript

Andrew: Hello everybody. I'm Andrew, and I'm here with...

Maura: Me! Maura!

Andrew: And we're back with another Culips episode.

Maura: That's right. And you should go to our website, Culips.com, that's C-U-L-I-P-S.com, because only on our website can you become a member. And when you're a member, oh, you get access to some pretty great stuff.

Andrew: Yeah. You get access to our learning materials, which we designed to help your English improve. So for each and every Culips episode, you will receive transcripts for each and every episode, along with detailed explanations of all the key expressions that we talk about. And finally, you get quizzes that will help you test your comprehension.

Maura: So if you want to find out what that's about, go to our website and check out how to become a member. If you're on Facebook, you **can always** send us a message there too, because we really love to hear from you. I think it's so cool to hear from people all around the world.

Andrew: Yeah. And if you prefer using Twitter, we're over on Twitter as well. So any way you want reach us, it's fine with us.

Maura: Now, today we're going to do a Catchword episode for you, and that is where we look at related expressions. And today we're going to look at three different expressions that are related to... What, Andrew?

Andrew: Weddings. Do you hear the wedding bells in the distance?

Maura: I do.

Andrew: Yeah. So our expressions today are all related to wedding slang and alternative expressions you can use to talk about getting married.

Maura: So first we're going to start with an expression that has to do with asking someone to marry you, because it's really the first step if you want to get married.

- Andrew: Mmhmm. You have **to ask for somebody's hand in marriage**, you're right. That's the first step.
- Maura: OK, so this expression is **to pop the question**.
- Andrew: Mmhmm. **To pop the question**.
- Maura: So, **to pop the question** means to ask someone to get married. That's it.
- Andrew: Mmhmm. So the question is: *Will you marry me?* That's what the question part of that expression is. And **to pop**; **to pop** is an interesting verb, I think, and it's kind of got this surprise element, right? If you **pop the question** to somebody, they're probably not expecting that you're going to ask them to marry you right now.
- Maura: It's true that because you hear the word **pop**, it does mean that it was a surprise and not planned. And traditionally, this is how two people decide to get married; the male **pops the question** to the female, so the male in the relationship asks the female to get married.
- Andrew: And a lot of times, guys think they have to come up with a surprising way to propose. So sometimes, if you're at a baseball game, or a basketball game, or a big public event, you'll see somebody on the **Jumbotron popping the question**. And this is because they want to surprise and impress their partner.
- Maura: And more and more, we see creative ways to propose, and they're often filmed, so I'm sure a quick search on YouTube will **turn up** lots of videos of someone **popping the question**.
- Andrew: You know, I was outside the other day and I saw a plane fly overhead carrying a banner, and it was somebody **popping the question** on this banner. They asked their girlfriend to marry them. So that's an interesting way and the first time I've ever seen that in real life.
- Maura: Yeah. I don't think I ever have. It's pretty dramatic.
- Andrew: And hopefully his girlfriend was **keeping her eyes in the sky** and didn't miss it, because I think it would actually be really easy to miss.
- Maura: That's true. He'd have **to pop the question** again another way, I guess.
- Andrew: Uh huh. So, should we give some examples with the expression, **to pop the question**?
- Maura: Sounds good.

Andrew: How long have Jay and Sally been dating now?

Maura: Oh, I think it's got to be at least 10 years, or more.

Andrew: Wow, 10 years. Do you think he'll ever **pop the question**?

Maura: I don't know. They seem pretty happy the way they are. I don't know if they'd want to change anything.

Andrew: Yeah. I guess that's true.

Maura: You know, more and more, people are not getting married.

Andrew: Yeah, that's true. It's fine. But I just thought that they'd be the couple that would get married, so I don't know, I was just curious.

Maura: Well, I guess we'll see.

Maura: In this example, we heard two friends talking about Jay and Sally, and one friend asked if the other friend thought that Jay would ever **pop the question**. And so, in that case, the friend was asking if Jay would ever ask Sally to marry him. That's it. It's that simple.

Andrew: Exactly. Shall we move on to a second example?

Maura: OK.

Maura: Hey. Did you hear that Dave **popped the question** last night?

Andrew: Wow. He's engaged?

Maura: Yeah, I know. It's crazy, eh?

Andrew: Yeah. Oh my gosh. I'm so happy for him. Did he say when the wedding will be?

Maura: I think they're planning for next summer. They're going to be pretty busy with all the plans till then.

Andrew: Oh, it's going to be so fun. I can't wait.

Andrew: In that example, we heard two friends discussing their other friend, Dave, and he'd just **popped the question** to his girlfriend. He just asked her to marry him, so the wedding will be next year and everybody is excited for it.

- Maura: OK. So we're going to give you a couple of other expressions, and these last two expressions mean to get married. So now that one person has **popped the question**, the couple can get married, as long as the other person said yes.
- Andrew: Yes. They have to agree first. But if the other person does agree, then we can talk about them **getting hitched**.
- Maura: That's right. **To get hitched**.
- Andrew: Mmhmm. So our second expression is **to get hitched**. And this simply means to get married.
- Maura: That's right. So if you're talking about someone getting married, you can usually – if it's a fun, casual conversation – replace it with **to get hitched**.
- Andrew: Yeah. And the verb *to hitch* means to join two things together. And usually we actually use this when we're talking about maybe hitching a horse to a wagon, or hitching a trailer to a truck. So we're talking about two things getting joined together. And this makes sense. When you think of a wedding, you see a couple sort of joining their lives together, right? So **to get hitched** is, yeah, another way to talk about getting married.
- Maura: The way you explained it, Andrew, was really clear, in that just like you hitch a trailer and a car together, you hitch two people together. So they're also joined together, but not in a physical way, in a more spiritual, emotional way, for the rest of their lives.
- Andrew: Precisely. All right, let's move on to the examples with this expression.

- Andrew: Hey, Aunt Judy. Guess what.
- Maura: Hey, Steve. I don't know. What's new?
- Andrew: I'm **getting hitched**.
- Maura: Whoa! Congratulations! When did it happen?
- Andrew: Just last night, but I wanted to tell you right away.
- Maura: Oh, thanks for calling. I'm so happy for you. That's great.
- Andrew: Yeah. I'm ecstatic.
- Maura: And have you thought about when the wedding is going to be yet?
- Andrew: Oh no, not yet. But pretty soon, I hope.

Maura: All right. Well, whenever it is, I'll be there.

Andrew: OK, bye.

Maura: Bye.

Andrew: So in that example, we heard Steve call his Aunt Judy to tell her about some big news in his life. He's **getting hitched**. He's getting married. And he must be very close with his aunt because he wanted to tell her right away.

Maura: That's right. So **to get hitched** means to get married, and Steve used that expression when he called his aunt.

Andrew: Let's move on to another example.

Andrew: What did you do on the weekend?

Maura: I went to a wedding, actually.

Andrew: Oh yeah? Who **got hitched**?

Maura: My grandma.

Andrew: What? Your grandma got married?

Maura: I know it sounds funny, but, you know, my grandfather passed away. It's already been 10 years. And just by chance, she met someone who she plays **bridge** with.

Andrew: That's so cool. Awesome.

Maura: Yeah. She seems really happy, and, you know, some people think it's crazy to get married at 70, but hey, if you want to, why not?

Andrew: Whatever makes you happy. Good for her.

Maura: In that example, we heard from someone whose grandma had just gotten married. And the expression that was used to talk about that was **to get hitched**. And, yeah, it may seem like a funny example to some of you listening, but this actually does happen more and more, as people live long after their spouse has passed on, or because of the pretty high divorce rate, often people do get married again, or I should say, they **get hitched** again, later in life.

Andrew: Yeah. It's not too uncommon. It does happen; you're right. And that was a cool example about somebody **getting hitched** later on in life.

- Maura: All right. Now, let's do one last expression, which also means to get married.
- Andrew: Mmhmm. And this one is **to tie the knot**.
- Maura: Mmhmm. So **to tie the knot** also means to get married. So when you're talking about two people getting married, you can just as easily say they are **tying the knot**.
- Andrew: Exactly. And when I was doing some research on this expression, I learnt that nobody really knows where this expression came from. There're a lot of different cultures around the world that use knots as a metaphor for marriage, so this is probably the explanation. But I was curious about this expression, and there's no good answer, unfortunately.
- Maura: Yeah. It's kind of mysterious when that happens; when you're looking for the origin of an expression and it's just so old that no one knows.
- Andrew: Yeah, nobody remembers. But these days, we use it to mean to get married.
- Maura: And even if we're not sure of the original meaning, we can still visualize this idea of tying a knot; tying two different ropes together and connecting two different things, and, as this expression means, connecting two different people.
- Andrew: Mmhmm. So it's similar to hitching. You're joining two things that are separate together and you're making one. So again, it's a nice way to visualize marriage: two people joining their lives together, connecting them together.
- Maura: It's true that even in many marriage ceremonies, you hear the word *joining* – *to join together* – and you often hear people talking about the union, so there is really a strong idea of two people becoming one, in a way.
- Andrew: Exactly. Well, how about some examples with this expression? I think we're ready.
- Maura: I think we should use **to tie the knot** in some examples.

Andrew: How long have you and Marty been married for?

Maura: 25 years.

Andrew: Wow, 25 years. That's so awesome.

Maura: Yeah. I'm pretty proud of being together so long. We **tied the knot** back when we were both only 20 years old. We had a really small ceremony with just friends and family and it was really great.

Andrew: Yeah. It sounds lovely.

Maura: It was. But, you know, our love has just grown and blossomed since then.

Andrew: That's so good. You guys are my heroes.

Maura: Well, I hope you find the right person, because if you do, it's easy.

Maura: In this example, we heard two friends talking, and the first friend asked the second friend how long she had been married. And we found out 25 years. That means 25 years ago, they **tyed the knot**.

Andrew: Very well put. That's exactly what we heard. So this couple had been married for 25 years; they had **tyed the knot** a long time ago. And, yeah, they have been married ever since.

Maura: OK. Let's do one more example with **to tie the knot**.

Maura: You and Brenda have been dating for a while now. I'm wondering: Do you think you'll ever **tie the knot**?

Andrew: Hmm. Interesting question. You know, I'm not really sure. I love her and all, but I just don't know. Maybe if we have kids or something, we'll get married. I don't know.

Maura: Well, it's totally **up to you**. I just love weddings, so I hope that you do so I can go.

Andrew: If we get married, you'll be the first person I invite.

Maura: OK, good.

Andrew: So in this example, we heard two friends chatting, and one friend was curious about her friend, if he is ever going to get married. He's been dating his girlfriend, Brenda, for a long time, but they haven't been married yet, and she wanted to know if they're ever going **to tie the knot**, if they're ever going to get married.

Maura: And this example is also true; that more and more, there are couples who choose not to get married. I know that this might be surprising to many of you listeners, because in many parts of the world, it's still unheard of to live together and not be married, but in Canada, and lots of other countries, it's becoming more and more common to choose not to get married.

Andrew: It is true. And you know what? I'm curious about the country that you're from. Like you said, Maura, weddings are different all around the world. So this would be a nice little homework assignment for anybody that's listening. Write us an email and explain to us how weddings and marriage culture works in your country.

Maura: Yeah. I would really love to know.

Andrew: Well, I think that about wraps it up for us today. I want to remind you to check out our website, Culips.com, and consider becoming a member and signing up for our learning materials package.

Maura: That's right. And when you become a member, you also help support Culips and enable us to keep making these episodes for you.

Andrew: Thanks for listening everybody. We will talk to you next time.

Maura: Bye for now.

Detailed Explanations

Can always / could always

You can use the expressions **can always** and **could always** to make suggestions and offer advice or solutions to problems. In this episode, Maura uses **can always** to suggest that Culips listeners send us messages by visiting the Culips Facebook page.

So, when you want to suggest something or would like to offer some advice or a solution to a problem, you can use the expressions **can always** and **could always**.

Here are a couple more examples with **can always** / **could always**:

Ricardo: Let's go to the baseball game tomorrow. The Yankees are playing; it should be fun.

Kenny: That would be awesome, but I heard all the tickets sold out.

Ricardo: What? Bummer!

Kenny: Yeah. But I guess we **could always** just watch the game on TV instead.

Ricardo: OK, sure. It won't be as exciting, but it'll still be fun. Should we watch it at my place or yours?

Kenny: Why don't you come over to my house around 6pm and we'll grab some food and then watch the game?

Ricardo: Sounds good.

Darcy: I'm a little nervous about my upcoming move.

Natalie: That's understandable. You've never lived in a big city before. This will be a big change for you.

Darcy: Yeah, it's scary! What if I don't make any friends or I can't find a job?

Natalie: Don't be silly! You'll do both of those things. And don't forget: you **can always** come back home to visit all of us any time you want.

To ask for someone's hand in marriage

When you **ask for someone's hand in marriage**, you ask for permission to get married to that person. In this episode, Andrew uses this expression when he introduces the expression to *pop the question*.

This expression is old-fashioned and is not often heard these days. In previous times, it was customary for a man to ask a woman's father for permission before he asked her to marry him. A man would **ask the father for his daughter's hand in marriage**. However, this tradition is not commonly practised anymore, and so we don't use this expression very often. However, you may encounter it in books and movies.



There are several theories about the origin of this expression. Some believe that it can be traced to much earlier times when women worked only in the house. When a father allowed his daughter to be married, she would leave the house and join the house of her new husband. So, the father would lose the working hands of his daughter, which is one possible explanation for this expression.

Another theory suggests that it is related to the practice of placing an engagement ring on the hand of the soon-to-be bride. When you **ask for someone's hand in marriage**, you ask for permission to place a wedding ring on her hand.

Here are a couple more examples with **to ask for someone's hand in marriage**:

Hailey: How's your book?

Val: It's really exciting. The prince just **asked the nobleman for his daughter's hand in marriage**. But when he did this, he offended the king, who wanted his son to marry his friend's daughter.

Hailey: Sounds like a scandal! Can I borrow the book when you're done?

Josh: How did your parents meet?

Sara: They started dating in high school and were high school sweethearts. Shortly after graduation my dad **asked for my mom's hand in marriage**. They've been together now for almost 30 years.

Josh: Wow. That's a romantic story.

Sara: Yup! They've been together for a long time.

To pop the question

To pop the question is the first key expression that Andrew and Maura look at in this episode. When you **pop the question**, you ask someone to marry you, usually in a surprising or exciting way.

This expression is very informal and should be avoided in professional contexts. However, it is a very common expression and is used frequently in everyday speech.

Here's one more example with **to pop the question**:

Brenda: You'll never guess what happened today.
Ross: What?
Brenda: One of my coworkers got engaged at work.
Ross: Really? Like, at the office?
Brenda: Yeah, exactly. Her boyfriend came into the office, gave her a bouquet of flowers, and then **popped the question**. It was so romantic.
Ross: It would have been embarrassing for everyone if she had said no!
Brenda: Definitely! I'm glad for everyone involved that she said yes.

To get hitched

To get hitched is the second key expression from this episode. When you **get hitched**, you get married. As Andrew and Maura explain, the verb *to hitch* means to attach or to fasten. So when you **get hitched**, you and your partner get married and attach or connect your lives together.

Here's one more example with **to get hitched**:

Thomas: I have some great news to share.
Heidi: What's that?
Thomas: **I got hitched!**
Heidi: What?
Thomas: Yeah! Jessica and I eloped last week. We got married in Vegas.
Heidi: No way! Congratulations!

A Jumbotron

A **Jumbotron** is a gigantic TV that is used at sports and concert venues to display the event to people who are sitting far away from the action. In this episode, Andrew mentions that it is common for marriage proposals to happen at sporting events. These are often displayed on the **Jumbotron** so that everyone can watch along and cheer on the newly engaged couple.

Jumbotrons are manufactured by Sony and are the biggest TVs in the world. Because they are so big, you'll only find them at very large arenas and stadiums.



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

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| Will: | Good news! I got us tickets to the game on Saturday. But they're in the nosebleed section, on the upper deck of the arena. |
| Carmen: | Are you serious? What's the point of even going to the game if you're going to sit that far away from the action? I won't be able to see anything. |
| Will: | Yeah, but they have a Jumbotron , so you can see what's happening on the screen. |
| Carmen: | True, but I also have a TV in my living room I could watch the game on if I wanted to. Can you exchange the tickets for some better ones, please? |
| Will: | All right. I'll see what I can do. |

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| Beth: | Sometimes when I'm watching a hockey game, I get worried that the Jumbotron will fall from the ceiling and crush all the players. |
| Terry: | That seems like a pretty irrational fear. |
| Beth: | I know, but it looks so dangerous just hanging above the ice rink like that. |
| Terry: | Believe me, it is quite secure. There is no way it's going to fall. |
| Beth: | I know, I know. It's just something that I think about for some reason. I'm a weirdo, right? |

To turn up

In this episode, Maura says that searching YouTube for engagements will **turn up** lots of videos of people popping the question. **To turn up** means to provide results or to be found. In other words, many engagement videos can be found by searching on YouTube.

When something **turns up**, it is found. We often use this expression when talking about search results on the Internet, and it is also commonly used to talk about finding something that is lost. For example, everyone always feels very relieved when a missing child **turns up** safely.

Here are a couple more examples with **to turn up**:

David: I can't find my wallet. Have you seen it around?

Melissa: No. Did you check on the coffee table? That's where you usually leave it.

David: Yeah, I checked. It's not there. I'm freaking out. My whole life is in there!

Melissa: Do you think someone stole it?

David: No. I remember seeing it last night after I got home from work. I didn't leave the house after that.

Melissa: Well then, you can calm down. It's around here somewhere. It's sure **to turn up** soon.

Paul: Quick question for you.

Lisa: Go for it.

Paul: I'm having a problem using Adobe Photoshop. I know you're a pro at the software. Do you think you'd have any time to help me out today?

Lisa: I'm super busy today, unfortunately. If you use Google to search for the problem you're having, it will **turn up** tons of good tutorials that should help you out.

Paul: Oh yeah?

Lisa: Yeah. Or even try searching on YouTube for video tutorials. There's lots of info out there.

Paul: OK. I'll give that a try. Thanks for your help.

Lisa: No problem. Good luck!

To keep your eyes in the sky

In this episode, Andrew tells a story about seeing a plane carrying a banner with a marriage proposal written on it. Andrew thinks this is a risky way to ask someone to get married, because if your significant other doesn't **keep their eyes in the sky**, then they may miss the proposal!

When you **keep your eyes in the sky**, you look up to the sky often and pay attention to what is happening up there.

So when someone uses a plane to ask their partner to marry them, it's important that they make their partner **keep their eyes in the sky**.

When someone looks up to the sky often to observe or look at what is happening in the sky or in space, that person is **keeping their eyes in the sky**.



Here are a couple more examples with **to keep your eyes in the sky**:

Marc: I heard the Air Force is going to be doing a drill later this afternoon. We should be able to see some jets fly in formation over the city.

Ian: Woah. That sounds rad.

Marc: Yeah. It should be super cool to see the jets roaring across the sky.

Ian: What time is it scheduled to happen?

Marc: I'm not sure. I just know it's sometime this afternoon. If you don't want to miss it, you better **keep your eyes in the sky**.

Tina: Do you believe in aliens?

Kelsey: No. Do you?

Tina: Yeah, I do. I mean, think about it. The universe is so huge and there are so many planets and suns out there. One of them has to be able to support life.

Kelsey: I'm not so sure about that. Have you ever seen a UFO?

Tina: No, but when I'm out at night, I always **keep my eyes in the sky**. I'm sure one of these days I'll see one.

Bridge (the card game)

Bridge is the name of a card game. In this episode, there's a dialogue example about a grandma who decided to get remarried later in life. She married a man who she met while playing **bridge**. In other words, the grandma met her husband while playing a card game.

Bridge is a very popular card game and one that is commonly played by seniors. The game requires four players and one standard deck of cards. The rules are too complicated to explain here, but a quick Internet search will turn up the official rules if you're interested.



So, when people are playing **bridge**, they are playing a fun and complicated card game.

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

Eva: Are you going to the **bridge** game this afternoon?

Fred: I sure am. I try to play as often as I can. What about you?

Eva: I'm not feeling very well so I think I'm going to take a nap instead.

Fred: OK. Feel better soon. We'll see you at the next game.

Eva: Thank you. See you next time.

Patrick: What did you do last weekend?

George: I visited my grandparents.

Patrick: Good for you. How are they doing?

George: They're doing great. We had lots of fun together. We watched some old family movies, played some **bridge**, and had a great home-cooked meal together.

Patrick: Sounds like you had a great time.

George: I sure did.

To tie the knot

To tie the knot is the final key expression discussed by Andrew and Maura in this episode. When someone **ties the knot**, they get married.

As Andrew and Maura mention, the origins of this expression are unclear. However, many cultures around the world use knots and tying as metaphors for marriage and getting married. It is very likely that this expression dates back centuries and is related to an old marriage custom that is no longer even practised anymore.

These days, **to tie the knot** is a common slang expression that means to get married. This expression is very casual.

Here's one more example with **to tie the knot**:

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| Lee: | We've been dating for how long now? Ten years? |
| Danielle: | It's actually been 11 years now, I think. |
| Lee: | That's a long time. Do you think we should ever tie the knot ? |
| Danielle: | Maybe someday. What about you? Do you think we should get married? |
| Lee: | Maybe someday. I'm in no rush, but it could be nice sometime in the future. |
| Danielle: | Yeah, I agree with you. I like the way things are right now, but let's not rule it out for later. |
| Lee: | Deal. |



Up to you

When something is **up to someone**, it means that a choice or decision is that person's to make. In this episode, in a dialogue example about getting married, two friends talk about marriage and one friend expresses reservation about tying the knot. His friend reminds him that it's totally **up to him** to decide whether he ever wants to get married. In other words, it is his choice to decide whether he ever wants to get married.

So, when a choice or decision is **up to you**, it means that you are the one responsible for making that choice or decision.

Here are a couple more examples with **up to you**:

Angela: It's your birthday next week, right?

Ed: Yup!

Angela: How do you want to celebrate?

Ed: I'm not sure. What should we do?

Angela: Well, that's totally **up to you**. It is your birthday, after all.

Ed: I think a quiet dinner with a couple of friends would be nice. Let's try out the new steakhouse downtown. I've heard excellent things about it.

Angela: Great! So I'll invite Brad and Mary, and Tom and Heather, does that sound good?

Ed: Perfect. Thanks!

Bridgette: I can't wait to see you next week.

Sally: Me too. It'll be great to hang out!

Bridgette: What time does your flight get in, again?

Sally: I arrive at 10am and I'll be there all weekend.

Bridgette: So what should we do?

Sally: Well, I'd really like to check out the museum and there's this restaurant called Gio's that I really want to try. Other than that, it's completely **up to you**. You're the host, show me around!

Bridgette: Awesome. There's so much I want to show you!

Quiz

1. **What is the name of a gigantic TV found in sports stadiums?**
 - a) a Jumbotron
 - b) a Gigantatron
 - c) a Massitron
 - d) a Titanatron

2. **What is the name of the card game that is popular with seniors?**
 - a) chess
 - b) roulette
 - c) skip
 - d) bridge

3. **When someone often looks at the sky, we can say that person is keeping what?**
 - a) their eyes for the sky
 - b) their eyes with the sky
 - c) their eyes up the sky
 - d) their eyes in the sky

4. **Which of the following expressions can be used to talk about a surprise wedding proposal?**
 - a) to get hitched
 - b) to tie the knot
 - c) to pop the question
 - d) to steal someone's hand in marriage

5. **Which of the following phrasal verbs can we use when someone has to make a choice or decision?**
 - a) to be down at someone
 - b) to be up to someone
 - c) to be over someone
 - d) to be out on someone

6. We can use the expressions *can always* and *could always* to express what?
- a) understanding
 - b) a suggestion
 - c) a grievance
 - d) a gift
7. What does *to turn up* mean?
- a) to be captured
 - b) to be learned
 - c) to be heard
 - d) to be found
8. Which of the following expressions is NOT used commonly these days?
- a) to ask for someone's hand in marriage
 - b) to tie the knot
 - c) to get hitched
 - d) to pop the question
9. Which of the following slang expressions for marriage is related to the idea of joining or attaching two lives together?
- a) asking for someone's hand in marriage
 - b) taking the plunge
 - c) popping the question
 - d) getting hitched

Quiz Answers

1.a 2.d 3.d 4.c 5.b 6.b 7.d 8.a 9.d

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