## 1 TOPIC QUESTION

## What events are important in a person's life?

人の一生のうち重要なイベントとは何でしょうか?

## 2 ARTICLE

Directions: Read the following article aloud. 課題: 以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。



It is customary for brides to wear a white wedding dress for their first wedding. There is a short verse that tells the bride what to wear; *Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.* It is considered good luck for them if they do. Usually the something old is a pair of earrings from their grandmother and something blue could be a blue garter belt.

Weddings take place in various places with either a religious or judicial leader presiding over the ceremony. The vehicle that they leave the wedding ceremony in is usually decorated with flowers, bows and a sign saying, "Just Married".

Following the wedding ceremony couples usually hold a reception which includes a meal and a dance. During the dance party the bride will throw her bouquet out to a group of single women. The woman who catches it will be the next to get married. The groom removes the garter belt from his bride and throws it out to his single male friends. The man who catches it will be the next to wed.

## 3 VOCABULARY

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後に続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

customary 慣習の vehicle 乗り物、車

bride花嫁、新婦receptionレセプション、宴会verse詩、言い伝えgroom花婿、新郎

4 Questions

preside

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. What does the bride do for good luck?

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- 2. What two traditions take place at the reception? What do they mean?
- 3. What is a Japanese wedding like? What are some traditions?
- 4. Tell your tutor about an important event in your life.