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## internet marriage

This reading is about David Weinlick who used the internet to get married! What in fact happened to David is not really common among Americans.

It all started when David's friends kept asking him when he would get married, which was kind of annoying. He just decided to pick a date, June 13, 1998, and tell everybody that it would be the time when he would get married.

As the date got closer, David's friend suggested the democratic selection process. Interested in the idea, David advertised for a bride on the internet. He devised an application form and asked friends and families to interview the applicants. David's sister said that she wanted to find someone really special.

Elizabeth Runze won the election. She was a pharmacy student at David's university in Minnesota. After her selection, Elizabeth said she had the most incredible day. It was really interesting that they hadn't seen and met each other until the very last day.

David and Elizabeth were both happy. David prepared musicians, his tuxedo, etc. They took their vows at the Mall of America in Minneapolis. Their marriage qualifies as an "arranged marriage," which is not even common in America. However, such marriages used to be common in other parts of the world.

Elizabeth's parents were happy and supported the marriage, but David's father, although wished David well, thought that David had taken marriage too lightly as the couple just met each other too late.

1. Did David get married just because his friends kept asking about it?

No, he actually thought that commitment was important and that people have to work at relationships to make them successful.

2. Was what happened to David common among Americans?

No, it wasn't common among Americans, but it used to be common in other parts of the world.

3. What didn't David know before the marriage?

He didn't know who he would be marrying.

4. Why did David advertise for a bride on the internet?

Because he liked the idea when his friend, Steve, came up with it.

5. Who was responsible to interview the applicants?

David's friends and families were interviewing the applicants.

6. What did Elizabeth say after she won?

She said that that day was the most incredible she had ever experienced.

7. What did David prepare for the wedding?

He prepared the rings, the musicians, his tuxedo, and the reception afterwards.

8. Where did the couple take their vows?

They took their vows at the Mall of America in Minneapolis.

9. What did Elizabeth's parents do?

They supported their marriage.

10. What did Elizabeth's mother say about her daughter?

She said the daughter had taken the whole event so seriously.

11. How did Elizabeth's mother predict the future of the marriage?

She predicted the couple's marriage would be long-term.

12. Why wasn't David's father happy about the marriage?

Because he believed David had taken a serious step too lightly.