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Chapter Six: Popping the Question: 求婚

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Yang Li: William and Kate, Jennifer and David. 那是王子和平民两对热恋情侣讲述各自求婚的惊喜和激动。大家好我是杨莉。今天是我的第六个故事 popping the question 求婚。

Yang Li: 威廉王子和凯特小姐在宣布订婚之后接受了 BBC 记者 Tom Bradby 的采访。请大家边听边思考两个问题：威廉在非洲的哪个国家向凯特求婚的？第二，订婚戒指在威廉的跨包里背了多久？

Interview with Prince William and Kate Middleton

William: I was planning it, and then it just felt really right out in, in Africa. It was beautiful at the time, and I took her up somewhere nice in, in Kenya, and, and proposed.

Kate: It was very romantic – there's a true romantic in there!

William: There is. I just… I had done a little bit of planning to obviously show my romantic side.

Kate: It was a total shock when it came, and… very excited!

Tom: And you produced a ring?

Kate: Yes.

Tom: There and then?

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William: I did, yeah. I'd been carrying it around with me in my rucksack for about three weeks before that. And I literally would not let it go. Everywhere I went, I was keeping hold of it 'cos I knew this thing if it disappeared I'd be in a lot of trouble! You know, you hear a lot of horror stories about proposing and things going horribly wrong, but it went really, really well. And, yeah, I was really pleased that she said yes.

Tom: And it's a family ring?

William: It is a family ring, yes. It's my mother's engagement ring. So I thought it was quite nice, 'cos, obviously she's not going to be around to share any of the fun and excitement of it all. This is my way of keeping her, sort of, close to it all.

Kate: Well, I just hope I look after it.

William: If she loses it she's in big trouble!

Kate: I know it's, it's very, very special.

Yang Li: That was William and Kate. Now let's check your answers to the two comprehension questions. 第一， 威廉在非洲的哪个国家向凯特求婚的？It was Kenya. 第二，订婚戒指在威廉的跨包里背了多久? The answer? About three weeks. While Prince William took Kate to Kenya for the big romantic moment, David took Jennifer somewhere else, somewhere close to his roots to pop the question. But where was it?

Interview with David and Jennifer

Yang Li: So where did you, David, pop the question?

David: Pop the question? We were in Scotland, and, my parents live in Scotland. There's a walk near my parents' house, that we'd been on quite a few times, and, and I realised that actually this would be a really nice place to do it, because it's a beautiful spot, there's a waterfall there, and it looks out into the valley, and it's a beautiful place. But also, because it's near my parents' house, it was somewhere that I know that Jenny and I would go back to a lot over our lifetime. So it would have a lot of meaning for us.

Jennifer: But once we sat down, Dave went very quiet and I asked him how he was, if he was OK? And he said he's fine, he said, "But I have got a birthday present for you, an early birthday present", and "You may want to swap it for another one, a more permanent one." And then he went a bit quiet, and then he said, "I need to do this properly." And then he got down on one knee.

Yang Li: He did?!

Jennifer: He got down on one knee, yes. And I think at that point…

David: It's traditionalist…

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Jennifer: It was probably a giveaway what was about to happen so I think I squealed, and then he said some very lovely things, and then asked me to marry him. And I said yes, of course.

David: I didn't actually have the ring. I wasn't brave enough to buy the ring, so I had a stunt ring, so to speak. So I had a, just a big ring from a, you know, I think it cost me £2, the ring, so it was a bit cheaper than the real...

Jennifer: It was beautiful.

David: It wasn't anything to do with her saying yes or no, I just thought that, that her engagement ring is something that she's going to wear for the rest of her life, and it's something that I felt that she should choose. She cried for about 20 minutes. (She laughs)

Yang Li: Did you?

Jennifer: Of joy, of joy! Yes.

Today's Phrases

Yang Li: 今天的重点词语是：把什么东西抓在手里不放 not to let something go 糟糕了， 惹祸了 to be in trouble.

William: And, I literally would not let it go. Everywhere I went, I was keeping hold of it 'cos I knew this thing if it disappeared I'd be in a lot of trouble!

Yang Li: 求婚 to pop the question.

Yang Li: So where did you, David, pop the question?

David: Pop the question? We were in Scotland.

Yang Li: 男子求婚时的动作，一条腿跪下去 to go down on one knee.

Jennifer: And then he got down on one knee.

Yang Li: He did?!

Jennifer: He got down on one knee, yes.

Yang Li: As we have heard that when the two men went down on one knee and popped the question both Kate and Jennifer accepted the proposal readily and happily. Kate said it was a total shock while Jennifer cried for 20 minutes out of joy. So both couples are now engaged. What's the next step? Does the man need to ask the father for his approval of marriage like people do in China? 下周将是我的第七个故事求亲。That's next week here on bbcukchina.com. Bye.

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