

No Ring For Wills

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英语学习点: *Talking about convention* 谈论习俗

St James's Palace has announced that while Miss Middleton will wear a wedding ring, Prince William has chosen not to.



William won't wear a ring as a married man

Rings are **typically** exchanged by couples during their wedding to signify commitment to each other.

Does it matter if husbands don't wear a wedding band?

Prince William's father wears one, his grandfather doesn't and their decisions weren't seen as strange. But reactions to Prince William's decision show that wedding rings for husbands are now **the norm**.

One young man, who spoke to the BBC, thinks William is setting a bad example, saying: "I think it's disgraceful really. It's **tradition**. You have to wear a ring really. And for someone of the royal family to do that, it's not right."

Broadly speaking, modern husbands tend to wear their wedding rings as a symbol of loyalty and faithfulness. So not wearing one can seem **unusual** or even suspicious to some, although men haven't always worn them.

The wearing of wedding rings has been **the done thing** for centuries amongst wives but only became **common practice** amongst husbands during World War II. Men fighting overseas **usually** wore them as a reminder of wives and families back home.

Wearing rings are a safety issue for men in certain manual jobs. But how does William explain his decision? A royal aide has said he "isn't one for jewellery".

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. In the UK, do all husbands have to wear a wedding ring?
2. True or false: All the men in Prince William's family wear wedding rings.
3. True or false: Wedding rings are a symbol of commitment.
4. How long have women been wearing wedding rings?
5. A royal aide has said that Prince William doesn't really like wearing jewellery. What phrase is used to say that?

Exercise 练习

看看你能不能把下面左边的词语同右边的同义词或定义连线匹配。

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| 1. typically | a showing the wrong way to do something |
| 2. commitment | b shameful |
| 3. a wedding band | c a concern that something could be dangerous |
| 4. setting a bad example | d normally, usually |
| 5. disgraceful | e a vow or promise |
| 6. loyalty | f untrustworthy |
| 7. suspicious | g a ring worn by married people |
| 8. a safety issue | h faithfulness |

Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. In the UK, do all husbands have to wear a wedding ring? No, wearing a wedding ring is a personal choice.
2. True or false: all the men in Prince William's family wear wedding rings. False. His grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh doesn't wear a wedding ring.
3. True or false: wedding rings are a symbol of commitment. True. Wedding rings are seen as a symbol of loyalty and faithfulness between a husband and wife.
4. How long have women been wearing wedding rings? Women have been wearing wedding rings for centuries.
5. A royal aide has said that Prince William doesn't really like wearing jewellery. What phrase is used to say that? Prince William "isn't one for" jewellery.

Exercise 练习

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Glossary 词汇表

typically 典型的	a commitment 承诺
a wedding band 结婚戒指	the norm 惯例
a tradition 传统	broadly speaking 从广义上说
to tend to do something 往往/倾向于做什么	unusual 不同寻常的
to be the done thing 理所当然的事	common practice 惯常的做法
usually 通常地	to be one for something 喜欢某物的人

