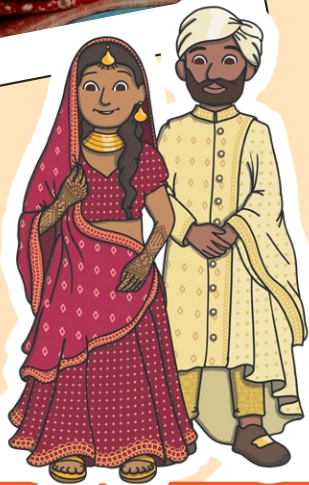


Hindu Weddings

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Hindu weddings are full of love and blessings for the bride and groom. The families and friends celebrate together.

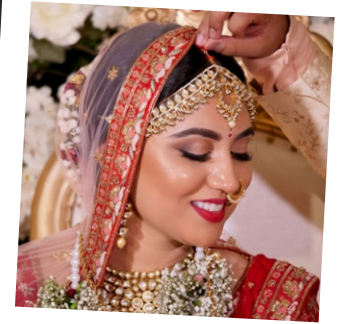
The ceremony often takes place under a special canopy called a mandap.

One important part is when the couple walk around a sacred fire seven times, called Saptapadi. During Saptapadi, the couple make seven promises to love, care and support each other.

The groom ties a necklace called a mangalsutra around the bride's neck and puts red powder, called sindoor, in her hair to show they are married.

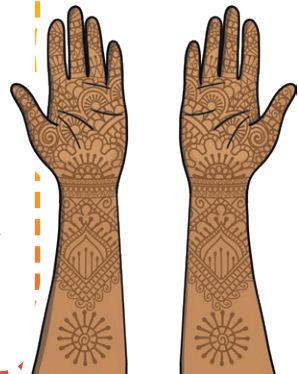
Did You Know...?

Sometimes, the bride's family takes and hides the groom's shoes as a fun wedding game and he must pay to get them back!



What Do People Wear to a Hindu Wedding?

The bride often wears a red or gold sari or dress with lots of jewellery. The bride often has beautiful henna patterns, called mehndi, drawn on her hands and feet for the wedding. The groom may wear a smart outfit called a sherwani. Guests at a Hindu wedding usually wear patterned, colourful and smart clothes.



What Happens After the Wedding Ceremony?

After the ceremony, there is usually a reception where family and friends gather to sing, dance and enjoy tasty food after the wedding.

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