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Julia: Nathan, tell me how was your wedding day.

Nathan: My wedding day was, I guess, mixed. I think the build up to my wedding was quite funny. I didn't feel in control of my wedding so we went to several different, I don't know what to call them, wedding shops or wedding planning companies and they asked us how much money we could spend first and the first thing that comes out is how much money do you think you're going to spend on your wedding and I felt that was kind of like a real personal, a kind of an embarrassing question as well because.

Julia: You're British.

Nathan: We didn't really have much money. Well, yeah, cos I'm British maybe.

Julia: Can I ask you how much did you spend on your wedding?

Nathan: Oooh, it was I guess about, in pounds it would have come out at a guess about fifteen thousand pounds.

Julia: I've heard that's the average, I think, for a wedding. I don't know but...

Nathan: So I wasn't doing my wedding in England, I was doing it overseas and there was a few things I had to get to used to. And one of those things was the wedding company that we chose offered us some, some different priests to do the ceremony for us but they're not real priests.

Julia: Like a priests menu?

Nathan: Yeah, it's like a priests menu and you've got these like different guys who are *playing the role* of the priest for the wedding so I happened to know all of the guys in this menu and they said to me, they said to me ah so this guy's really, really popular. Barry priest is like the most popular priest, we really recommend him and I was looking at the picture thinking I know Barry priest and last night I went drinking with Barry priest and he, he didn't look like a very good priest last night.

Julia: You got married by your drinking buddy.

Nathan: But we didn't in the end. We avoided that but, yeah, all these different choices on a menu, I felt like a McDonald's menu rather than like, it was like do you want a large priest or a small priest or like do you want extra large candles or like small candles in your wedding ceremony lunch and different things so it was kind of, yeah, it was kind of McDonaldized kind of wedding where you had to choose this option or this option and it didn't feel very personal to me at the beginning.