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**Britain's Prince Harry is getting married on 19 May. Royal weddings are traditional and formal but Harry and his bride, Meghan Markle, are adding some personal, modern touches.**

Prince Harry, 33, announced in November that he was engaged to Meghan Markle, 36. Ms Markle is unusual for a future princess. She is American, and a well-known TV actress. When Harry and Meghan got engaged, she announced that she was leaving the TV series *Suits*. She now lives in Britain and works with Harry as a member of the Royal Family.

## Help

**bride (n)** a woman who is getting married  
**engaged (adj)** promised to be married



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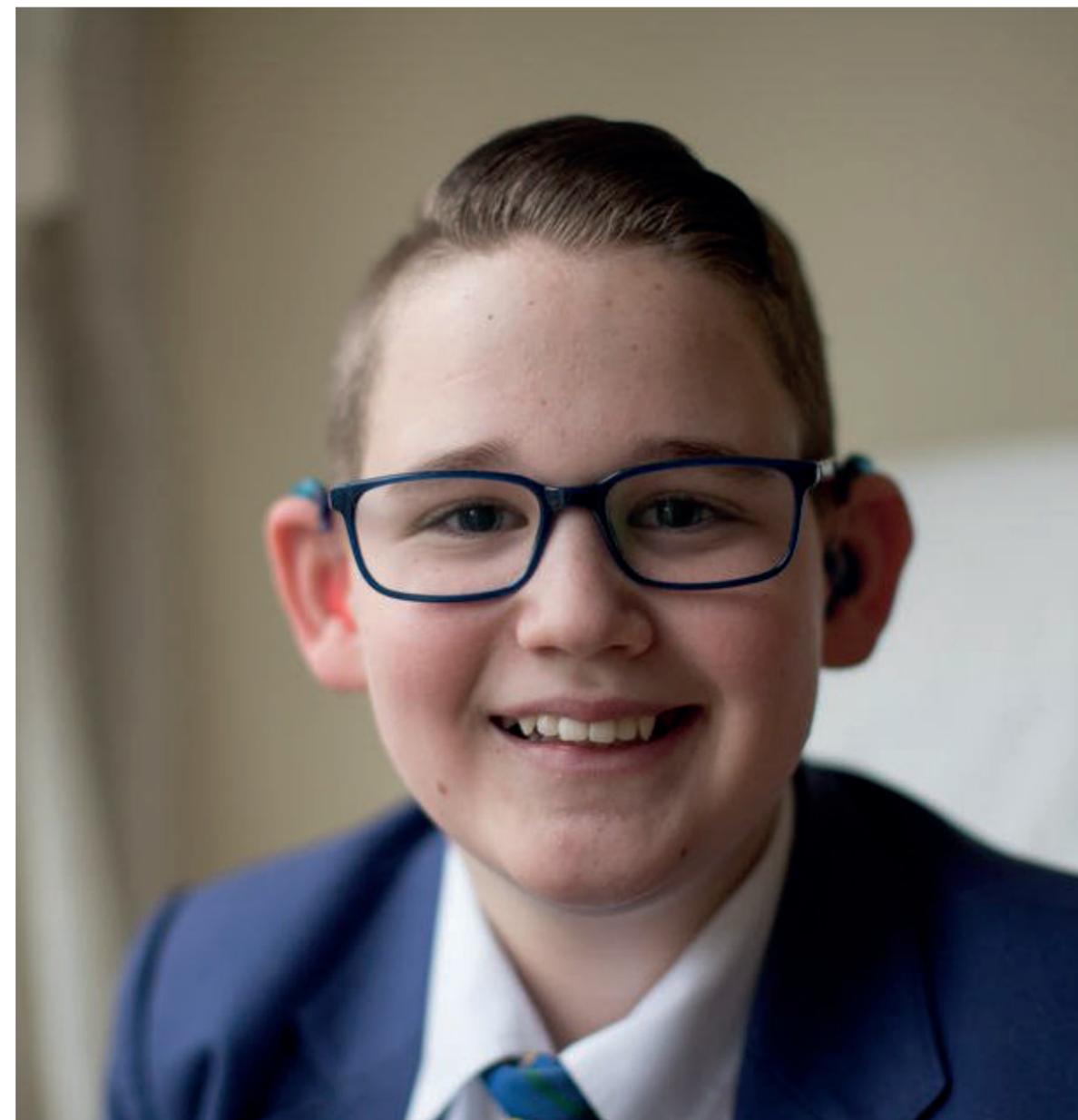
## Helping Others

Harry and Meghan are both very active in supporting charities. Harry, who was in the British Army for 10 years, created the Invictus Games, a multi-sports competition for injured military personnel. He also created a charity to help children in Southern Africa affected by HIV and AIDS. Meghan worked with the United Nations on equality and education for girls.

The couple have announced that they don't want to receive wedding presents. They have encouraged people to make donations to seven charities they support.

### Help

**charity (n)** institution that helps people with difficulties  
**injured (adj)** hurt, mutilated  
**deaf (adj, pron. deff)** not able to hear



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Reuben Litherland, 14, from Derby, is invited to Windsor Castle gardens to watch the royal couple arrive. Reuben is deaf. Harry and Meghan wanted to recognise him because he started a club at his school to teach the other pupils sign language.



They also decided not to invite political leaders to their wedding. So the British Prime Minister Theresa May and the U.S. President Donald Trump aren't invited. But they have invited 1,200 members of the public to the gardens of Windsor Castle to watch the arrival and the departure of the couple. The invitations are for people who help their communities.

## Help

in the 1070s (exp, pron. *in the ten-seventies*) around 1070, between 1070 and 1079  
almost (adv) nearly

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The wedding ceremony will take place in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Windsor, near London, is one of the Queen's residences. It is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. It was built in the 1070s, by William the Conqueror. It is almost a thousand years old.

## Bio Boxes



### Prince Harry

**Age:** 33

**Date of Birth:** 5 September, 1984

**Born in:** London, U.K.

**Nationality:** British

**Jobs:** ex-military officer, member of the Royal Family

**Family:**

Harry's grandmother is **Queen Elizabeth II**.

Harry's mother, the very popular **Princess Diana**, died in a car crash when he was 12.

His father is **Prince Charles**, who will become King when the Queen dies.

His big brother **Prince William** married Kate Middleton in 2011. They have three children.



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### Meghan Markle

**Age:** 36

**Date of Birth:** 4 August, 1981

**Born in:** Los Angeles U.S.A.

**Nationality:** American (and now British)

**Job:** actress

**Family:** Meghan's mother, Doria, is a yoga teacher. Her dad, Thomas, works on TV series, he's specialised in lighting.



## Royal Charities

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle want people to donate to seven charities they support. For example, Chiva Projects, which helps children living with HIV and AIDS, or the Myna Mahila Foundation, which helps women in Mumbai, India, get access to education and jobs.

Surfers Against Sewage wants to stop plastic polluting our oceans. It organises two annual beach cleans when thousands of volunteers collect the plastic waste that arrives on beaches. They encourage schools to become "plastic free": not using disposable plastic cups and bottles.



Surfers Against Sewage



Street Games

Street Games organises sports activities for kids in disadvantaged communities. They often don't have access to leisure activities and love having a place to play games and sport.



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