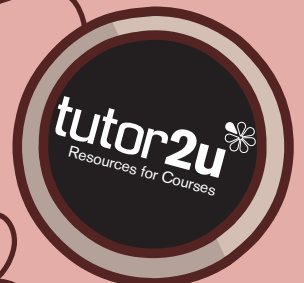


# Don't tell the Bride



Teaching  
budgets



## Teachers Instructions

Don't tell the bride is an activity used to introduce students to the concept of budgeting as well as allowing students to perform some basic variance analysis.

The activity involves telling students that their only daughter is getting married and as a surprise they have offered to pay for everything. Working together students need to come up with a wedding budget, identifying all the items that would need to be included.

There are two different teaching and learning strategies that can be carried out with the students.

### Teaching and Learning Strategy 1

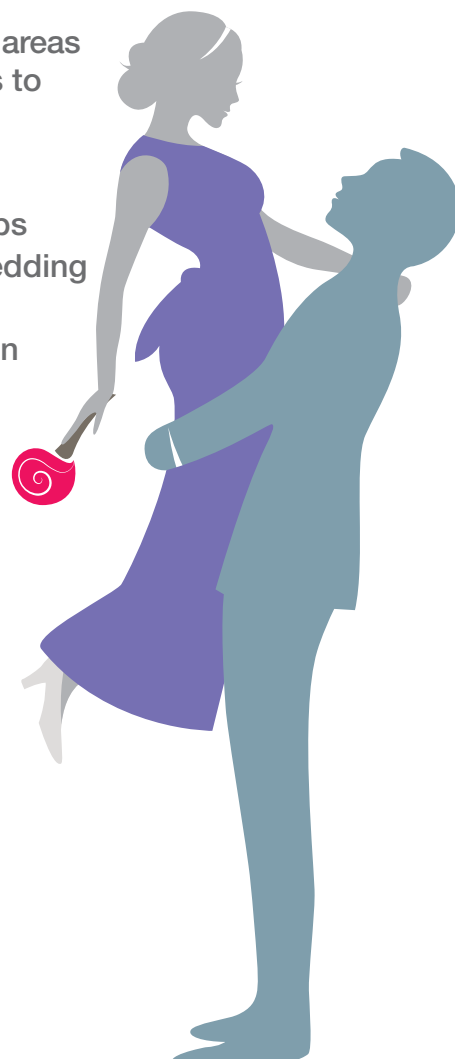
- 1 Put the class into small groups or pairs
- 2 Tell the class that they need to discuss and list all the items that would need to be included/ paid for when planning a wedding. At this stage students DO NOT need to put a value next to each item. This gets students thinking about what would be included in a wedding budget
- 3 After this activity has taken place the teacher collates the group's responses and leads a discussion with the students about what should be included. Invariably students miss key areas out which allows the teacher to illustrate one of the key reasons why budgets are often inaccurate.

A 'wedding planner' has been provided which covers the key areas that should be included. This could be given to the students to compare and contrast with what they came up with.

### Teaching and Learning Strategy 2

This activity can be done individually or in pairs/ small groups

- 1 Give each student/ pair/ group a copy of the average wedding cost card
- 2 Students need to decide the average cost of the items on the card/ how much they would budget for in relation to the selected items on the card
- 3 Once students have entered their amounts the teacher then reveals the actual amount/ average cost of each item
- 4 The teacher can then introduce the concept of variance analysis. From here the students can work out the variance per item and then the total variance.



## Apparel

Gown  
Bridal Shoes  
Bridal slip  
Lingerie  
Hosiery  
Jewelry  
Bridal Headpiece/veil  
Bridal gloves  
Bridesmaid dresses  
Bridesmaid accessories  
Bridesmaid shoes  
Groom's tux  
Groomsmen tuxes  
Garters  
Gown preservation  
Alterations  
Going-away outfit  
Honeymoon clothes  
Children's apparel

## Flowers

Brides bouquet  
Bridesmaids bouquets  
Corsages  
Boutonnière  
Reception centerpieces  
Altarpiece  
Pew/chair bows  
Throw away bouquet  
Flower girls' flowers

## Stationary

Invitations  
Announcements  
Map/direction cards  
Reply cards  
Ceremony cards  
Save the date cards  
Postage  
Calligrapher  
Newspaper announcement  
Thank you notes  
Rehearsal dinner invitations  
Bridesmaid luncheon invitations  
Bachelor party invitations  
Wedding programs  
Address labels

## Reception

Location fee  
Caterer  
Food  
Baker  
Musician  
Bar tender  
Liquor  
Security  
Wedding cake  
Groom's cake  
Cake knife  
Cake decorations  
Servers  
Table decorations  
Other decorations  
Dishes  
Glassware  
Napkins  
Linens  
Tables  
Chairs  
Guest book  
Entertainment  
Rice/Rose petals/bubbles  
Parking  
Gratuities  
Limousine/Carriage  
Transportation  
Childcare  
Balloons

## Gifts & Favors

Attendant gifts  
Gift for fiancee  
Favors

## Miscellaneous

Marriage license  
Bridesmaids' luncheon  
Hairdresser  
Manicure/pedicure  
Manicure/pedicure for attendants  
Make-up  
Wedding planner/organizer  
Consultant/coordinator  
Hotel for guests

## Ceremony

Clergy  
Location fee  
Altar decorations  
Chair/pew rental  
Pew/chair decorations  
Guest book/pen  
Ring bearer pillow  
Flower girl basket  
Unity candle  
Aisle runner  
Ushers  
Gratuity  
Transportation  
Childcare

## Rehearsal dinner

Caterer  
Bartender  
Liquor  
Tables/chairs  
Decorations  
Security  
Music  
Sound system  
Guest parking  
Dishes  
Centerpieces  
Linens  
Food  
Servers

## Photography / Videography

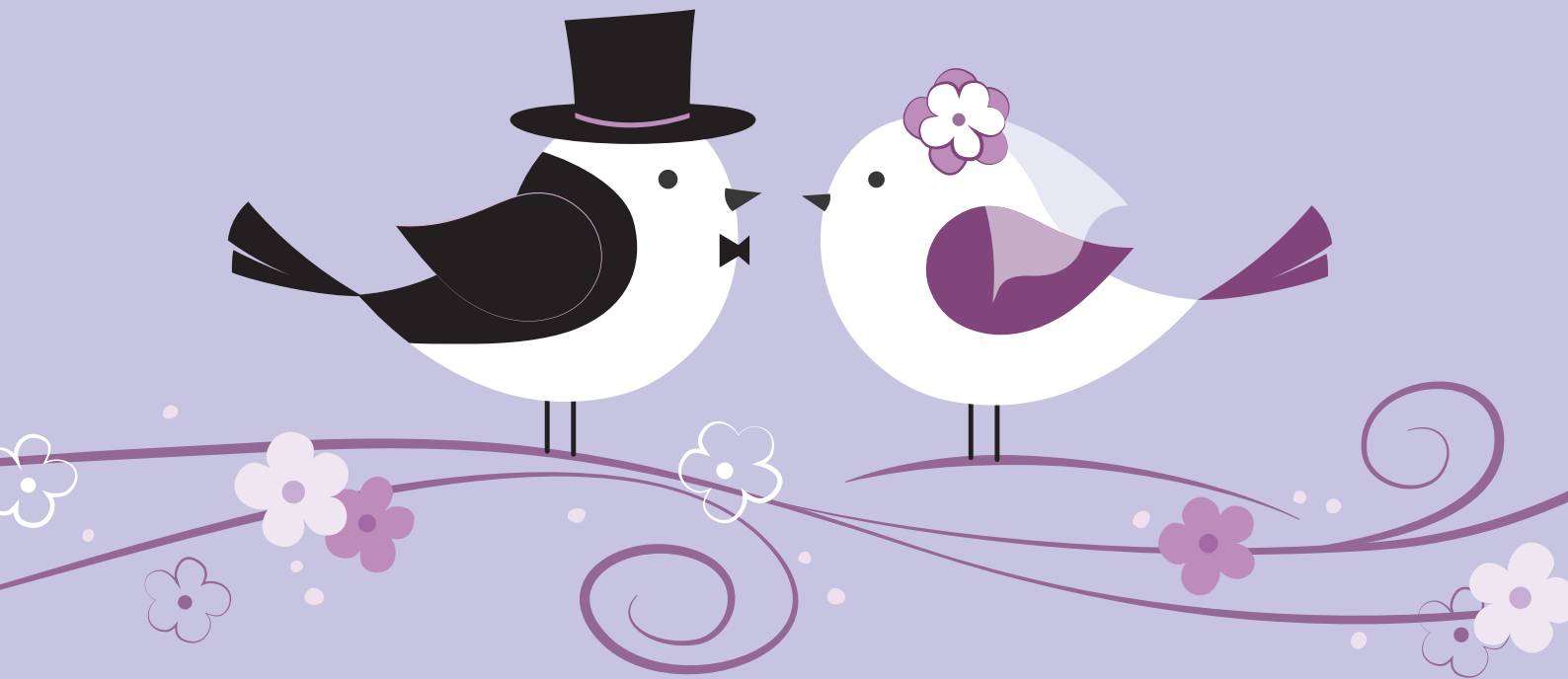
Bridal portraits  
Reception  
Ceremony  
Photo albums  
Engagement portraits  
Videography

## Rings

Wedding bands  
Engagement ring  
Engraving

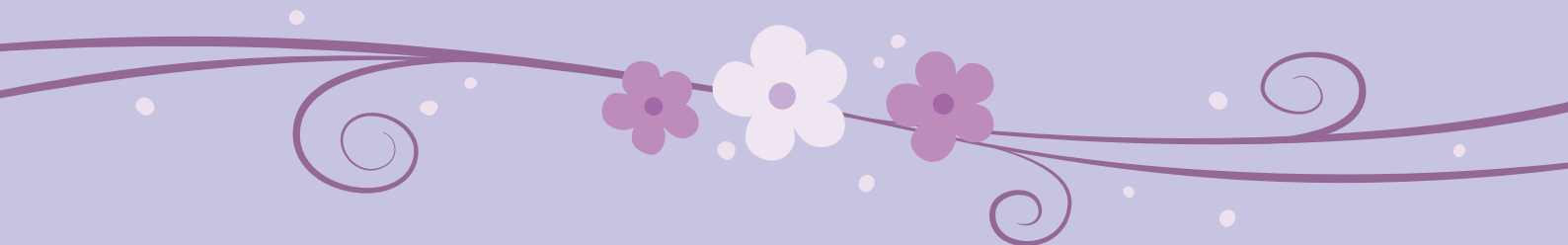
## Honeymoon

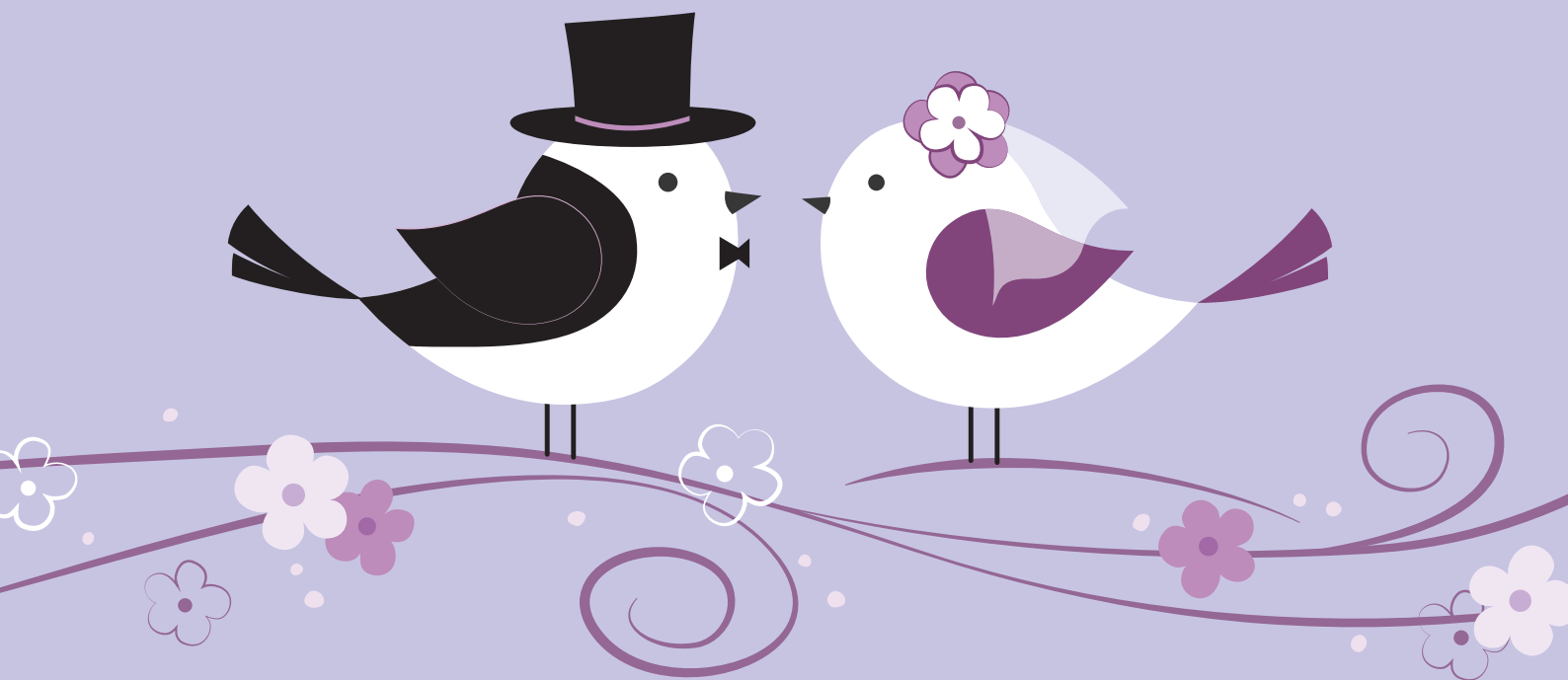
Air fare  
Accommodations  
Rental Car  
Entertainment



# *Don't tell the Bride*

Item	Budget (£)	Actual (£)	Variance (£)
Wedding Dress			
Brides Shoes			
Honeymoon			
Rings			
Wedding Cars			
Flowers			
Photography/ Video			
Bridesmaid/ Ushers outfits			
Wedding Cake			
Invitations (75 guests)			
Reception (75 guests)			
Evening Entertainment			
<b>Total</b>			





# *Don't tell the Bride*

Item	Budget (£)	Actual (£)	Variance (£)
Wedding Dress		1,340	
Brides Shoes		107	
Honeymoon		3,931	
Rings		647	
Wedding Cars		308	
Flowers		560	
Photography/ Video		1,399	
Bridesmaid/ Ushers outfits		465	
Wedding Cake		296	
Invitations (75 guests)		240	
Reception (75 guests)		4,189	
Evening Entertainment		682	
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,164</b>	

