

Glossary

aisle

The area between the rows of seats in a place of worship.

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Anand Karaj

The Sikh wedding ceremony.

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best man

A friend who accompanies the groom and keeps the rings safe.

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bhangra

A lively form of music and dance from the Punjab region of India.

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bride

A woman on her wedding day.

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bridesmaid

A close friend of the bride who supports her on her wedding day.

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cake

Soft, sweet food made from flour, fat, eggs, sugar and other ingredients.

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celebration

A special occasion.

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churas

Red and white bracelets.

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church

A Christian place of worship.

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cloth

A piece of fabric.

family

The people you are related to, such as your mum, dad, brother and sister.

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food

The things we eat.

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gifts

Objects that are given to someone out of kindness or to celebrate a special occasion.

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Granthi

The person who reads the Guru Granth Sahib during worship in the Gurdwara.

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groom

A man on his wedding day.

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guests

People who are invited to an event.

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Gurdwara

A Sikh place of worship.

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Guru Granth Sahib

The Sikh holy book.

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hymns

Sacred songs sung during worship.

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kaleera

Jewellery hung from the wrist of the bride at a Sikh wedding.

Karah Parshad

A sweet paste made with butter, sugar and water handed out during worship in the Gurdwara.

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Lavan

A Sikh wedding hymn.

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mehndi

Henna patterns usually drawn on a person’s hands or feet.

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pageboy

A young boy relative who accompanies the bride at her wedding.

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promise

Something you say and mean to do.

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reception

A celebration with guests after a wedding ceremony when a special meal is usually eaten.

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register

A special book that is signed during the wedding ceremony.

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register office

A government building where civil marriages can take place and certificates of birth, marriage and death are kept.

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rings

Small round items of jewellery you wear on your fingers.

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romalla

A decorative cover that protects the Guru Granth Sahib when it is not being read.

vow

A promise.

wedding

A special ceremony between two people who love each other.

wedding car

A special car used during a wedding.

witnesses

People who watch the register being signed at a wedding and then sign it themselves.