

## Elvis night | The aftermath

### Tufty Carpets—The story so far

Mr Tufty is the owner and chief executive of a carpet manufacturing company called Tufty Carpets situated in the United Kingdom. A few years ago he created the Tufty Carpets French Management Team with the objective of developing the French market for quality British carpets.

Until recently Earl-Lea Riser, an American who has worked in France for many years, was the director of the Tufty Carpets' French Management team. Earl-Lea loves duck hunting as does Mr Tufty. Everyone was shocked when Earl-Lea suddenly resigned, citing family reasons, and moved back to the United States.

Mr Tufty is married and has two grown-up children: Terry and Henrietta. The Tuftys' family home is located in the picturesque village of *Squirrel's Wood* a few miles from *Wolverhampton*.

Charles Hiran is a business rival of Mr Tufty's and lives close to the Tuftys. He owns *Hiran Ceramica*, a successful manufacturer of flooring tiles. He and his wife Amenpreet have one son: Arthur.

A little while ago, much to the surprise of both the Hiran and Tufty families, Arthur Hiran and Henrietta Tufty began a romantic relationship and soon thereafter announced their engagement. The young couple bought a house together called *Honeysuckle Cottage* near to their parents' homes with the intention of moving in together after their wedding.

The French Management team have been diligently helping the Tuftys with the wedding plans for Henrietta's marriage to Arthur Hiran.

A few weeks ago the Tuftys and the French management were very surprised to receive a video of an Elvis wedding ceremony in Las Vegas. Arthur Hiran didn't appear in the video, instead the wedding was between Henrietta and non-other than Earl-Lea Riser! Apparently Henrietta had used the excuse of attending her own hen party as a ruse to secretly elope and marry Earl-Lea Riser!

### Useful expressions and vocabulary:

**Hen party:** A party for a woman who is going to get married soon, to which only her female friends are invited

**Elope:** to leave home secretly in order to get married without the permission of your parents

**Ruse:** an action intended to deceive someone; a trick.

**To drift:** be carried slowly by a current of air or water.

**Gruff:** abrupt or taciturn in manner.

**Austere:** severe or strict in manner or attitude.

**I have let you down (idiom):** to disappoint someone; to fail someone.

## A letter from Henrietta

### Discussion

1. Having read Henrietta's letter, what adjectives could you use to describe her?
2. What do you make of Henrietta's comments about Earl-Lea Riser, that: "We seemed to have been pushed together."
3. From what you gather, was it a good thing that Henrietta didn't proceed with her wedding to

Arthur Hiran?

4. Discuss Henrietta's letter and prepare a reply.

**Course dates**

	septembre	octobre	novembre	décembre
mardi	24	1, 8	5, 12, 19	3, 10