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### **PuzzleWrite – A Wedding**

The violinist is beginning her fifth song, an oasis of calm. The flowers, full-bloomed and radiant, shiver. The best man, standing in the front of the chapel, looks at his watch again, trying hard to hide his growing agitation. Next to him, the young ring boy tugs at the restrictive collar of his tuxedo shirt and scowls at the large, flinty-eyed woman wearing the bright red hat in the second row.

In the dressing room, the bride paces, her gown swishing furiously along the carpet. Her mother watches, tight-lipped and silent. The maid of honor is in the bathroom, talking softly to someone on her cell phone. Out in the hallway, the bride's father is passing a note to one of the ushers and whispering into his ear.

Meanwhile, a latecomer arrives, hurrying from his limo into the lobby of the reception hall. He is carrying a black case in one hand. And at the same time, the priest is standing at the front of the chapel, all-too-aware of the unease settling over the crowd. He looks down at the curly-haired flower girl, who is trying not to fidget.

"Remember what I told you," he mumbles to her, his lips barely moving.

#### Group and Individual Tasks:

1. Discuss what you think is happening at the church. (Fill out the story.)
2. Each member chooses a viewpoint character (anyone mentioned above).
3. Determine names, personalities, and details.
4. Plan on what each character knows and does in your story (and what each character doesn't know).
5. Agree upon the story's order of viewpoint characters.
6. Each member writes the part of the story from their viewpoint character's eyes.
7. Prepare to read your entire story in front of the class.

