



Julian Assange is a 50-year-old Australian editor and **activist**, who started WikiLeaks in 2006.

In 2010, WikiLeaks shared secret information about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the US government started to **investigate** the website. Assange is currently in prison in London, UK, but the US want UK to return him for **trial**.

In 2015, Assange met a lawyer Stella Moris, and they have two children together. Last week, the couple got married in a London prison. Only six guests could attend the ceremony, but a large group of people supported Moris, who said that she was happy and sad at the same time.

Difficult words: **activist** (a person who works to help or stop groups he thinks are right or wrong), **investigate** (to find out the truth about something), **trial** (when a judge checks all details about a case before a court decides).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *activist, investigate and trial*
2. Who is Julian Assange?
3. Why did the US government start to investigate WikiLeaks in 2010?
4. What happened to Julian Assange following the investigation of WikiLeaks?
5. When did Julian Assange and Stella Moris meet?
6. When and where did the couple get married?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Had you heard about WikiLeaks and Julian Assange before? Could you tell me more?
2. Why do you think Stella Moris said she was happy and sad at the same time?
3. How difficult do you think Julian Assange's situation is? And her wife?
4. Does the law in your country allow a prisoner to get married while in prison?
5. Would you marry someone who was in prison?