



Template to structure a wedding speech

This is a basic template to get you started with planning your wedding speech.

The length of your speech will depend on the number of speeches scheduled, your relationship to the bride and/or groom and the brief they may provide you with.

You may need to do your research beforehand to collect appropriate stories.

Remember to rehearse your speech so you don't need to read it.

Part 1: Introduction – aim to engage your audience

- Introduce yourself if you haven't yet been introduced
- Give the audience your perspective on your relationship to the wedding couple
- Comment on the bridesmaids, the venue, the happy day in general before getting specific – the content will vary depending on whether you are the best man, father of the bride, matron of honour etc

Part 2: Things you love about the bride and/or groom

- (include maximum 3 stories – combination of humorous and heartfelt. The 3 stories can contain sub-stories)
- Remember to make the stories relatable to audience members who don't know the bride and groom as well as you)

Story 1

Story 2

Story 3

Part 3: People to thank: (may require some research so you don't forget anyone and it may include a toast or two)

Could include:

- parents of bride and groom,
- bridal party,
- caterers & venue staff, etc

Part 4: Lead a toast – ask everyone to charge the glasses so you can lead a collective toast. Use a phrase like: 'To the bride and groom. May they have many years of happiness'