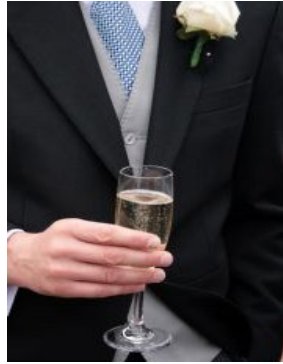


The Groom's Wedding Thank You Speech Guide



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Dear Groom...

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

It's an exciting time for you as you embark on a new adventure with your bride.

One of your first duties as a new husband will be to give a thank you wedding speech at your wedding reception.

Your wedding guests will be eager to hear from you. So take the time to prepare a speech that they'll remember.

The Top 5 Most Important Wedding Speech Tips

As you've read the articles and posts at WeddingSpeechesSecrets.com we hope you've picked up some handy tips for your wedding speech.

Here are what we consider the most important ones to keep in mind...

- (1) Don't try to "wing it" with your wedding speech. Spontaneous comments can be a disaster especially if you forget to formally thank someone. Give your wedding thank you speech careful thought and preparation for your special day.
- (2) Start preparing your speech early. Give yourself lots of time for ideas to percolate. The less rushed you are, the better your speech will be.
- (3) Keep your speech to 5 minutes...maximum. That's about 750 words.
- (4) Memorize your opening and closing sentences and your toast. It will increase your confidence and allow for smooth transitions as your speech progresses.
- (5) Practice your speech. Out loud. In front of a mirror...or a friend. You don't have to memorize it word for word. But you should know what you are going to say so it sounds natural.

Public Speaking Confidence Booster

If you're like most of us, the thought of giving a speech in front of a group of people sends a shiver of panic through your body.

But with proper preparation you can overcome the worst of your fears very easily. If you're looking for just the right words for your speech, [Groom Speeches](#) gives you a complete package of 20 adaptable "pre-written" speech templates and tons of toasts, jokes, and quotes to inject humor and wisdom into your presentation.

Amazingly, being slightly nervous before giving your wedding speech can help you do even better. Even professional performers admit to being nervous before going on stage. But with a well prepared and properly rehearsed speech you'll have the confidence to perform your duties with ease and assurance.

Who To Thank - And What To Say - In Your Wedding Speech

Your speech will in all likelihood be a combination of “thank you’s,” anecdotes, one-liners, and acknowledgements followed by a toast -- usually to the bridesmaids.

Here are some ideas to include in your own personalized wedding speech...

Thank the previous speaker for his toast.

If the previous speaker was the Father of the Bride or someone in that capacity, comment on his words of wisdom or advice if any were given.

Thank your parents.

Acknowledge what they have taught you or how they have set an example for you to follow -- love, forgiveness, kindness, gentleness, humor, generosity, friendship, setting goals. Thank them for their love, support, and generosity.

Thank your bride’s parents.

Thank your bride’s parents for welcoming you into their family and mention how honored you feel to be a part of their family. Thank them for raising your bride to be the person she is today.

If they paid for the wedding reception be sure to acknowledge and thank them for their help and generosity in making it such a special occasion.

Thank the wedding guests for attending and for their generous gifts.

It’s courteous and polite to thank your guests and acknowledge those who have traveled a long way to come to your wedding.

This is the part of your speech where you tell your wedding guests how lucky you are to have found your bride. How she makes you feel. What makes her so special.

Your wedding guests are also interested in knowing how you met your bride...the moment you fell in love with her...what made you fall in love with her...and when you first told her you loved her.

Mention a humorous story about meeting your bride or something you’ve done together which sets the “tone” for the marriage -- how she got the “upper hand” in a game of tennis, for example, and how you hope that’s not a sign of things to come.

Reverse roles and make a joke about how your wife is looking forward to trying out the new lawn mower while you can’t wait to try out the new barbeque and relax in the new patio chairs.

If it’s a destination wedding, you could tie in why you chose this destination for your wedding ceremony. It might be because of the setting...or the symbolism associated with the location.

Thank your bride.

Tell her how beautiful she is. Tell her you love her. Tell her how happy she makes you. Tell her the things that are most important to you - that she's your best friend, that you laugh together, that she's someone who you can dream and plan your future with.

Thank the best man for his help and support.

You probably have a close relationship with your best man. So it's fitting to talk about him in your speech. Add a humorous story to show why he was chosen to be your best man.

If your best man hasn't already made his wedding speech, you could "qualify" your thanks to him by saying you're not sure what he has in store for you when he makes his speech.

Thank the attendants -- the ushers and the bridal party.

These are your support team who have seen to all the details behind the scenes to make your wedding day a special and happy occasion. So a short word of thanks and acknowledgement for all of their hard work is appropriate.

Thank anyone else who contributed to your wedding or wedding reception.

There may be other people who have assisted in your wedding preparations that should be acknowledged and thanked. Be sure you pronounce their names correctly and if in doubt, check with them well before your wedding day.

Acknowledge absent friends and loved ones.

It's likely there will be those who couldn't make your wedding because they live too far away or they are no longer with you. So you might like to make a brief acknowledgement of them.

Acknowledge your children.

If this is your second marriage you may have children. So be sure to acknowledge them and tell them how much you love them -- without embarrassing them too much!

You've thanked everyone for making this a special day for you and your bride and your speech is drawing to a close. Finally, you will give...

The Expected Toast To The Bridesmaids

This is the final part of your speech and is the prelude to your toast to the bridesmaids.

Thank the bridesmaids for their help.

Mention how beautiful the bridesmaids look and thank them for their contribution to the wedding.

Then ask the wedding guests to stand and join you in toasting the bridesmaids.

Remember, you have a lot to cover in a short time. So fine tune and polish your speech to stay within your time limit.

If you're not sure what words to use in your speech or how to say the toast, check out [Groom Speeches](#) for inspiration in creating your own wedding speech. You'll find it's the perfect companion to this guide.

Special Toasts

Special toasts don't need to have a long speech preceding them. And you don't have to do any of the special toasts we mention here unless you choose to. Depending upon the program, you could do any of these special acknowledgements throughout the reception.

Here are four special toasts you could make...

Toast Your Parents

You can do a special toast to both of your parents. You can mention how they inspired you and acknowledge the wonderful memories you have of growing up.

Toast Your Mother

Instead of toasting both of your parents, you could do one to your mother. It can be as simple as thanking her for being there when you needed support and advice. And it can include your heartfelt thanks for her unconditional love.

If your mother is a single parent you could acknowledge what a terrific job she did -- doing the work of two people, and doing it so well.

Toast Your Father

Your special acknowledgement to your father could be about the times you've shared together, the things he's taught you, or the memories you have of the "father-son" times you've shared together.

Toast Your Bride's Parents

You're now a member of another family - your wife's family. So it's only fitting to praise them for how they brought up their daughter.

Thank them for raising such a wonderful daughter. Thank them for the qualities you see in your bride - family values, morals, kindness, and other attributes.

A Surprise Toast...To Your Bride

These days, it's not unusual for the groom to propose a toast to his bride. It's a special tribute and can be a wonderful - and romantic - surprise to her.

As with a special toast, your speech doesn't have to be long.

In your short speech to your bride, tell her how proud you are to have her as your wife...how happy she makes you...and what you admire and love about her.

If it's appropriate, tell her what she has taught you. It might be unconditional love. It might be to have more patience. It might be to be more understanding.

Thank her for sharing her dreams and other personal thoughts with you (without mentioning them, of course.)

What To Say When Toasting Your Bride

You can toast to many things:

- To the future with your bride.
- To your lives together.
- To the deep love you have for your bride.

You can toast your bride as your best friend and what that means to you. Or you could make a vow or promise to love her and protect her and look after her.

So go ahead and...be sentimental. Be romantic. And be emotional. After all, this is a proud moment and a milestone in your life.

If you're making special or surprise toasts, be sure to advise your Best Man or the Wedding MC in advance so your toasts can be included in the wedding reception's program.

Your Wedding Deserves The Perfect Speech

Your speech will be one of the most important duties you perform on your wedding day. And if you toast your bride, you'll want your words to be sincere, heartfelt, and romantic.

When it comes to giving a wedding speech you can either write it from scratch without guidance or look for inspiration from other wedding speeches.

In [Groom Speeches](#) you'll discover a wide selection of wedding speeches, toasts, quotations poetry, jokes, and one-liners all designed to make your speech sparkle.

Mix and match, cut and paste, adapt and fine tune. You'll cut your preparation time down dramatically and create a wedding speech that your wedding guests will compliment you for.

But that's not all! As the Groom...

You Might Have To Make Not Just One Wedding Speech...But Two!

With all the pre-wedding functions you'll be attending, chances are you'll be called upon -- or feel obligated -- to make another toast or short speech before the big event at your wedding reception.

So it's a good idea to have more than one speech or toast ready for these other occasions.

You'll look like a true professional giving one speech and toast at a pre-wedding event and then presenting totally different versions at the wedding reception.

Impress Your New Wife And The Wedding Guests With Your Poise and Eloquence

Of course, with all of the wedding arrangements, your bride has been working non-stop to make your wedding a very special event.

So you'll want to be sure you contribute by making a good impression when it's time to speak.

This is the time when you show your love and affection to those who are near and dear to you.

After all, what better gift to give to those you love than saying something that shows your feelings for these special people in your life.

So save time, get inspiration, and choose the right words to express your emotions by taking a moment to look at [Groom Speeches](#) before you start preparing your speech for one of the most important events of your life.

Here's what you get in this amazing speech making package:

- > 20 pre-written, quick-and-easy speech **templates** you can adapt to reduce your speech writing time dramatically.
- > Toasts, quotes, jokes, and one-liners to make your speech witty and entertaining.
- > Unstoppable Confidence audio program for reducing stage fright and speech anxiety so you deliver your speech with poise and confidence.

PLUS, you also get one **FREE email speech consultation** in case you have any lingering doubts about how good your speech is. (Be sure to leave plenty of time for the consultation so you can polish and fine tune your speech. Of course, if you don't have a lot of time, use the pre-written speech templates.)

And it all comes with a 100% satisfaction, money-back guarantee so you can feel confident that you'll create a memorable speech.

With proper preparation before the wedding events get underway, you'll give one of your best and

most important speaking performances of your life.

We wish you and your new bride every happiness and good fortune in the years to come!

~ The Wedding Speaker ~

P.S. With all the helpful samples, tips, and ideas in the [Groom Speech Package](#) you'll boost your confidence, cut down your writing time dramatically, and impress your bride and wedding guests.

PPS. Invite your Best Man to request his FREE [Best Man's Wedding Speech Guide](#) to help him prepare a wedding speech you and your bride will remember for years to come. And if he's also the Wedding MC, he'll also find [The Wedding MC's Wedding Speech Guide](#) helpful, too.