Wedding Speeches Made Easy!

Nervous about having to speak at your friends’ wedding and not sure where to start? Don’t worry! We’ve created a guide to help you nail your wedding speech confidently and easily!

\*\*\*Bonus\*\*\* Check out our instructions on creating a mini booklet of your speech at the end!

**Part 1: Answer these questions**

**You will refer to these to write out your speech on page two.**

How long have you known the bride/groom?

What’s your story? Brief history of how you and bride/groom became best friends.

When and how did he/she tell you about his/her partner?

When did you know they were meant to be together forever?

What do you love most about the couple as individuals, and as a couple?

What does their friendship mean to you?

What are five words that come to mind when you think about them?

Is there a classic story that represents your favorite time with them or your friendship?

Where do you see yourselves and your friendship in ten years?

# **Be Sure:**

* To introduce yourself and state your relation to the couple.
* To remember to congratulate the bride & groom and thank them for allowing you to be a part of their special day
* To make it mostly about the couple and less about your friendship.
* To tell one or two stories that relate to what you love about the couple.
* To speak from the heart
* To choose your words thoughtfully: stay politically correct (there will likely be many generations present)
* To thank everyone who worked to pull the wedding together
* To end the toast on a positive and optimistic note.

# **Do Not:**

* Make your speech a competition. Everyone is there because they know the bride and groom.
* Try too hard to be funny or be afraid to be serious/sentimental Just be sincere and be yourself.
* Be afraid to be serious and/or sentimental.
* Ramble on forever. Shoot for about 5 minutes.
* Only tell inside jokes.
* Forget to write the actual toast into your speech. “Let’s raise our glasses to…” (audience will raise their glasses when you do).

**Part 2: The Guide**

**Now it’s time to put it all together! It may help to have a photo of the couple with you while you write to help you emotionally connect with your words.**

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| **Introduction:** Introduce yourself: who you are, role in the wedding, thank the couple, how you know the bride/groom, include a few words about your friend’s new spouse, and how you feel about their marriage. | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |

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| **Storytime** Tell a story or two, stick to what feels most important to you, the goal is to help the crowd understand the couple on a deeper level and to share things the other guests may not know about them. Sentimental, serious, positive, and even embarrassing things are welcome. Just remember to stay politically correct and remember your audience! | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |

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Final folded product

If you follow the directions correctly, your final folded   
booklet should look like the image below.

