

# The Matron of Honor's Wedding Speech Guide

Dear Matron of Honor...

*Congratulations on being chosen as the Matron of Honor!*

It's an exciting time for you as you help the bride embark on a new adventure with her husband.

And if you're the bride's sister, it's an especially thrilling time.

Apart from the normal Matron of Honor duties, you might also have to coordinate the wedding reception and events if there is no formal wedding MC. (If that's the case, I have a separate [Wedding MC Wedding Speech Guide](#) for you.)

One of your duties as Matron of Honor will be to give a **wedding speech and toast** to the bride and groom.

Your wedding speech will be one that is cherished by the Bride, so I'll show you how to go about preparing a speech that the bride and groom will remember...and the wedding guests will enjoy or even rave about!

## **The Top 5 Most Important Wedding Speech Tips**

As you've read the articles and posts at [WeddingSpeechesAndVows.com](#) I hope you've picked up some handy tips for your wedding speech.

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

- (1) Don't try to "wing it" with your wedding speech. Spur of the moment comments can be a disaster. Give your wedding speech careful thought and preparation for the bride and groom's 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.

## Talents You Can Use In Your Wedding Speech

As you think about what to say in your wedding speech, ask yourself why you were selected to give one. This can help you create the framework for your speech...

- Are you good at one-liners that never fail to get a laugh?
- Are you the bride's sister or best friend who has humorous anecdotes to tell?
- Are you known for giving sound advice or words of wisdom?

Because you're the Matron of Honor, your speech will in all likelihood be a combination of humor and emotion.

Craft your wedding speech to your personality. If you're a natural comedian, it will be hard for you to give a serious wedding speech without at least a few teasing remarks about either the bride or the groom.

Also consider the personalities of the bride and groom. Are they a fun loving couple who enjoys humor and a good laugh? Or are they serious minded and would be embarrassed with some gentle ribbing?

In preparing your wedding speech, consider the bride and groom, think about who you are, what your role is, what qualities you bring to your presentation or tribute, and then tailor your speech and message accordingly.

## 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 momentary shiver of panic through your body.

The good news is that with thorough preparation you can overcome the worst of your fears very easily.

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.

The secret to boosting your public speaking self-assurance is this: Proper preparation and rehearsal. Prepare and practice your speech and you'll have the confidence to deliver your wedding speech with ease and poise.

## What To Talk About In Your Wedding Speech

Ideally, your speech should be about both the bride and groom. It will, of course, be heavily weighted towards the bride. That's why you'll need ideas to work with.

Here, then, are 15 questions you can ask that will help you put your presentation together...

- What is it that you like about the bride?

- Do the bride and groom have favorite or private names (a nickname, for example) for each other? Is it “honeybun,” “pumpkin,” “cupcake,” or some other endearing or significant term? Is there a story behind the favorite names they have for each other?
- Do they have personality “quirks” or habits you can comment on? Is he very neat and likes things “just so”? Does she take a lot of time getting ready before she goes out?
- Do they have favorite sayings that you can poke fun at?
- Does one of them have an accent? Did he fall in love with her accent first? Was it the accent that started the relationship when he asked her where she was from?
- Was there something unusual or humorous about how they met? Did he nearly run her down accidentally in his car? Did he rescue her from something? Did he offer her his umbrella in a rainstorm?
- Do they have favorite movies, movie stars, TV shows, comedians, personalities, books, stories, music you can talk about?
- Do the bride and groom share the same profession -- musicians, lawyers, accountants, doctors. Can you link their professions to your wedding speech theme using terms that apply to that profession?
- Do they enjoy certain foods, restaurants, vacation spots, or sightseeing locations?
- Have you done anything with the bride that is humorous and shows what her personality is like?
- Was there something unusual about how they met? Did they meet by accident or was it pre-planned by friends? Was it serendipity, coincidence, accident, or fate?
- How is *your* life affected by the marriage? Are you gaining a new friend (the groom) but losing a volleyball teammate?
- What makes the bride someone you admire or look up to?
- Is there a heartwarming story about the qualities of the bride that you could talk about?
- Is the bride an accomplished gardener...tennis player...or golfer? Can you weave gardening...tennis...or golf terms into your wedding speech?

Use these questions to guide you as you prepare your speech. Select a couple of topics to develop your wedding speech theme around.

One cautionary note: Be especially careful when using humor in your speech that you don't embarrass the bride or groom or any of the wedding guests. Use tact and good judgement. And, if in doubt, leave it out.

## Where To Get Inspiration For Your Wedding Speech and Toast

Chances are this is the first time you've given a Matron of Honor wedding speech. If so, then there are certain things you'll probably want to achieve...

- You want your wedding speech to start strongly and capture the wedding guests' attention immediately.
- You want your speech to be funny. Humor is very entertaining and as Matron of Honor it's usually expected that you'll have some humor in your wedding speech.
- You don't want to make a fool of yourself and be humiliated in front of 50...100...or more wedding guests.
- You want your speech to be a special tribute to the bride and groom. You want it to have both sentiment and humor. And you want it to be memorable - something the bride and groom will remember with affection. Above all, you don't want to be remembered as the Matron of Honor who ruined the bride and groom's perfect wedding day because you said something inappropriate and embarrassing.

But, if you're like most Matrons of Honor, you don't know where to start or what to say. You don't know jokes or quotes that are appropriate for weddings. And you don't know how to word your feelings and sentiments so they are meaningful - especially to the bride.

Not only that, you need inspiration to get ideas flowing so you can create a memorable speech.

The best - and fastest - way to get inspiration is to use [wedding speech templates and examples](#).

Fill-in-the-blanks templates are a quick and easy way to start preparing your Matron of Honor wedding speech.

You get examples of how to **open and close your speech**. That's important because you want to grab the wedding guests' attention immediately. And you want to close the speech on the right note and lead smoothly into the toast. That's one sign of a confident, eloquent wedding speaker.

You get **sample speeches** from which you'll get your ideas. You'll be able to cut and paste snippets from speeches, add your own material, and then polish and fine tune.

So instead of spending what might be days writing your speech from scratch, and agonizing over the correct words to use, you'll have the framework for your speech put together faster than you ever thought possible.

What's more, you get **examples of toasts** to use as you pay tribute to the bride and groom at the end of your speech.

The [speeches](#) in the templates are all prepared by professional writers so they'll sound polished - which is exactly how you want to sound when you stand up in front of all the wedding guests.

And best of all, you'll have a wide range of **jokes and quotations** to select from so you can create a funny and memorable wedding speech. You'll be able to pick and choose what's appropriate and what fits with your own material.

What's more, you also get one **FREE personal speech review** by a professional speech writer so you don't have any lingering doubts about how good it is.

### **The Toast To The Bride And Groom**

You've delivered the main part of your speech and you've now come to the closing.

You'll make a few concluding or complimentary comments.

You'll undoubtedly mention how happy, radiant, and beautiful the bride looks and how lucky the groom is to have such a wonderful woman to share his life with.

Then it's time to propose your toast to the bride and groom.

Ask the wedding guests to stand and join you in toasting the bride and groom.

But that's not all! As Matron of Honor...

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

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

Of course, with all of the wedding arrangements, you haven't had much time for yourself. After all, you've been working hard helping the bride because you want her wedding to be a very special time.

But you don't want to be too busy to overlook one of the most important moments of her wedding - the sentiments you say in your wedding speech.

You want to say something that honors the bride and groom and shows your love and affection for the bride and wishes her every joy and happiness in her new role as a wife.

So save time, get inspiration, and find the right words by taking a moment to look at [Matron of Honor Speeches](#) (in the Maid of Honor speeches section) before you start preparing your speech - or speeches - for one of the most important events of the bride's life.

**Here's a breakdown of what you get in this amazing speech making package:**

- ✓ 20 “fill-in-the-blanks” quick-and-easy speech **templates** to reduce your speech writing time dramatically.
- ✓ 20 additional speech **examples** for more inspiration.
- ✓ Over 200 **toasts, quotes, and jokes** to make your speech witty and entertaining.
- ✓ 50 examples of **opening and closing lines** for maximum effect.
- ✓ 10 steps to **reducing stage fright and speech anxiety** so you deliver your speech with poise and confidence.
- ✓ Toasting tips and rehearsal secrets to **boost your confidence** for a polished speaking performance.
- ✓ **PLUS**, you also get one **FREE personal speech review** by a professional speech writer. Have your speech critiqued so you don't have any lingering doubts about how good it is. (Be sure to **leave plenty of time for a review** so you can polish and fine tune your speech. Of course, it's entirely up to you whether or not to have your speech reviewed. And if you don't have time to have your speech reviewed, the templates will help you prepare your wedding speech fast.)

You'll find in this wedding speech and toast package...

- ✓ Humorous speeches
- ✓ **Sentimental speeches**
- ✓ **Matron of Honor speeches**
- ✓ Favorite memories of the bride (and groom) speeches
- ✓ **Sister's speech to the bride**
- ✓ Speeches for a bride's second marriage
- ✓ **Speeches for a bride and groom who already have children**
- ✓ Short and sweet toasts

And it all comes with a 100% satisfaction, money-back guarantee.

With all the helpful samples, tips, and ideas in this [Matron of Honor speech package](#), you'll boost your confidence, dramatically reduce your speech preparation time, and amaze the bride and the wedding guests with your poise and eloquence.

With proper preparation before the wedding events get underway, you're sure to give a memorable wedding speech the bride will remember for years to come.

***We wish you every success in your role as Matron of Honor!***

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