

The Friends and Relatives Wedding Speech Guide



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Dear Friend or Relative of the Bride or Groom...

Congratulations!

It's an exciting time for you as someone you have known for many years embarks on a new adventure in life.

Because of your relationship to either the bride or groom, you may be asked to give a wedding speech and toast to the happy couple.

It's an important honor and your speech will be one that the bride and groom will remember for years to come.

The Top 5 Most Important Wedding Speech Tips

As you've read the articles and posts at WeddingSpeechesAndVows.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. 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 what qualities you bring to your presentation...

- Are you good at one-liners or have a deep bag of appropriate jokes that never fail to get a laugh?
- Are you known for giving sound advice or words of wisdom?

Because you're the proud friend or relative, your speech will in all likelihood be a combination of humor and emotion.

Craft your wedding speech to your personality. If you've got a serious personality, a joke or one-liner might fall flat. On the other hand, if you've got a wonderful sense of humor, it will be hard for you to give a serious wedding speech without at least a few teasing remarks about the groom.

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

In preparing your wedding speech, think about 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 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, [Friends and Relatives Speeches](#) gives you a complete package of "fill-in-the blanks" speech templates you can adapt as well as toasts and jokes 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.

What To Talk About In Your Wedding Speech

As a close friend or relative, you will be focusing on the bride and groom.

The main part of your speech will be a tribute to them on their special day. Be sure to include both the bride and groom in your speech even if you don't know one of them very well.

Here, then, are several questions you can ask yourself as you begin to put your presentation together and develop a "theme"...

- What is it that you admire about the bride or groom?
- Is there a heartwarming story about the bride or groom's qualities that you could talk about?
- Does the bride or groom have any habits you can comment on (without causing embarrassment)?
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- Do you have any favorite memories of the bride as she was growing up that you could include in your theme?
- 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?

- 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 losing a best friend or a niece but gaining a new friend or member of the family?

Select a couple of topics to develop your wedding speech theme around -- things that strike you as being especially appropriate for the occasion.

Your wedding speech doesn't have to be completely serious though. It can include a joke about married life....or a humorous story that illustrates what the bride or groom are getting themselves into.

You can be sentimental with a poignant story. You can talk about how proud you are of your friend or relative. And you can offer advice or words of wisdom to them both.

It's certainly appropriate -- and expected -- for you to wish the bride and groom a happy marriage.

And it goes without saying that you'll mention how beautiful and happy the bride looks and how lucky the groom is to have such a wonderful woman to share his life with.

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



The Toast To The Bride And Groom

You've now come to the final part of your speech.

Here are some cheerful and positive ways you can finish your wedding speech...

- You could leave the bride and groom with an uplifting message about marriage or a comment about how bright their future is and how they should look forward to their new adventure in life.
- You could say something affectionate and sentimental.

- You could end with a wish: You wish the newlyweds health, happiness, and a long life.

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 happy couple.

The Bride and Groom Deserve Your Best Speech On Their Special Day

Your speech will be one of the most important duties you perform at the wedding reception.

It's one that you'll look back and remember with pride.

And it's definitely one that will be remembered by the bride and groom.

So it deserves your best effort to make it a special occasion for the newlyweds.

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 [Friends and Relatives Speeches](#) you'll discover a fine selection of adaptable, fill-in-the-blanks wedding speeches, toasts, and jokes all designed to make your speech sparkle.

Mix and match, cut and paste, adapt and fine tune. You'll cut down your preparation time dramatically and create a wedding speech that the bride and groom will remember forever.

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

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

- ✓ 9 "fill-in-the-blanks" quick-and-easy speech **templates** you can adapt to reduce your speech writing time dramatically.
- ✓ 25 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. Get your speech reviewed and 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.)

And it all comes with a 100% satisfaction, money-back guarantee so you can feel confident that you'll create a lasting memory for the bride and groom with a memorable speech.

(UPDATE: May 2009 - The Friends and Relatives Speech Package has been recently updated with new content and features. Some of the features described above may have changed. Nevertheless, we highly recommend this high quality package.)

With proper preparation before the wedding events get underway, you'll give one of your best - and most important - speaking performances ever.

~ The Wedding Speaker ~

P.S. With all the helpful samples, tips, and ideas in this [speech making package](#), you'll boost your confidence, cut down your writing time dramatically, and impress the wedding guests with your poise and eloquence.

PPS. On quality bond paper (grey is one color to consider) print out a copy of your wedding speech. Then present it to the bride or groom so it can be kept as a lasting memory of their dream wedding day.



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