

Openers and Closers

It's said that a great speech has a good opening and a good closing - and the two are as close together as possible! Ok, all right, yes we are joking, but you should take the time to find a good opening and closing.

This assortment of openers and closers can be mixed to match your Wedding Speech Templates - and give you that personal touch to a great Wedding Speech!

Speech Openers

The speech opener should get the audience's attention, but this doesn't mean it must be dramatic or profound, sometimes the best way to get their attention is to start talking and let them know you're about to toast the Bride and Groom.

Speech Openers

Good evening. I would like to thank all of you joining us on this happy occasion to celebrate the marriage of [bride] and [groom]. We also would like to remember our loved ones not here with us, but whose love and good wishes are with us in spirit.

I know that wedding toasts are traditionally supposed to be long and sappy, but I'll try to keep mine short and sweet.

I'm really honored to know that [groom] thinks enough of our friendship to have asked me to be his Best Man....I'm also very excited to be the one who gets to take a few shots at [groom] when he can't defend himself. After tonight, [bride].....that's your job!

I am so happy for this couple today, as they seem to have found the other half of themselves that they were searching for.

I want to start by saying what an honour it was when [groom] asked me to be his best man. Which now also gives me the opportunity to toast two of my most favourite people in the world. But also, as a result of his mistake, I've got a microphone in my hand!

I am pleased to know that [groom] thinks enough of our friendship to have asked me to be his Best Man...and that he trusts me enough not to embarrass him in front of his family!

I would like to thank everyone for being here today for [groom] and [bride] special day. The fact that so many of their family and friends have traveled such a distance to be here is a testament to the kind of people they are.

I'd like to take a couple of minutes of your time to toast my dear friends on their first day of marriage, in hope that there will be thousand more days to come.

First, I want to say that is wonderful to see all of you here today. Most of you have been friends of the family for as long as I can remember and in many ways you are like an extended family for my sister and I.

I'd like to thank [groom] for allowing me the privilege of being his best man. It seems to be genetically encoded in all men to choose the friend with the most socially unacceptable traits to get up here. [Groom] has proven this to be true!

I would like to propose a toast to the Bride and Groom...

If I could have everyone's attention, I promise not to take too long, I know there are many others who wish to toast as well...

[Bride] and [groom], what a beautiful couple you are. It is easy to see that you are radiant with love, and it is easy to see that it's what brought us all here today.

It is my great pleasure to be here with you all on this happy occasion and to help [bride] and [groom] celebrate their marriage. I'd like to thank [bride] and [groom] [and parents if appropriate] for inviting everyone to be a part of this special day.

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends and family...

Hi, I'm [your name], for those of you who don't know me, I'm [your relation to groom] and his Best Man and it's my honour to share a few moments with all of you today.

Today is a celebration, not just of the love that has united [bride] and [groom] in holy matrimony, but also of the families that created, molded and influenced the lives of these two special people.

I am standing up here tonight representing the category for "Best Man"... a term that is unjustly appointed to me, and not deserved. Me, I'm not really the best man, just a good guy... but the best man here is more special. And that best man is [groom].

I'm so happy to preside over the only 5 minutes that [bride] didn't plan!

I want to give some advice to the newly married couple, but [never being married/not being sure what to say] I searched around for advice from someone who could say it better than I could.

It gives me special pleasure to be here today at the wedding of my good friends [bride] and [groom] because I introduced them at [insert where they met] and have known them for many years.

I would like to start by thanking everyone on behalf of the Bride and Groom for being here and sharing their special day. [pause] Personally, I wish you'd all stayed at home and made my day less nerve wracking!

[Bride], It's an absolute honour for me to be your Maid of Honour today. You are a great sister, a great daughter and a great friend. On behalf of the Bridesmaids and myself I just want to say how beautiful and radiant you look.

Speech Closers

The best way to end your speech is 1) a toast to the newlyweds, or 2) your best wishes for their future...both followed by a heartfelt "Congratulations!" or "To the Bride and Groom!"

Here is to the health of the happy pair
May good luck meet them everywhere,
and may each day of wedded bliss
be just as sweet as this.

May god bless you both ... and may your love grow for each other every day!

Enjoy the moment because it goes fast. Remember that it is days like these that make up a wonderful life filled with outstanding memories.

Today should always be your most memorable day.
Let today be the building block for all the years to come,
and may your home be filled with your laughter for all the days of your life.

[Bride] and [groom], take each day and cherish your time together. Take time to talk to one another. Put your love and family first and your job and hobbies second. Never lose your sense of adventure and may your future be more than you could ever wish for!

To [bride] and [groom]: From all of us in this room, we send our best wishes, our admiration and our love. May all your dreams catch up to you, rustling your spirit with as much happiness and great possibility as a warm breeze in your hair on a fine spring morning.

True love is more than flowers and beautiful words.
It is keeping promises, and holding on when you don't want to. It is being strong, so that others may rest.
And as time and change swirl around you, the love you share will stand quietly in the midst of your lives,
forever beautiful.

I am honoured to stand here to invite all of you to celebrate with us and ask that you all lift your glasses with good wishes for their future. To [bride] and [groom]!

We wish you many years of love and laughter,
a lifetime of health and happiness,
and decades of sunny days ahead.

[Bride], I've never seen you happier than you are today, and it's all because of this amazing man who stands by your side. [Groom], thank you for making my friend so blissful, and for bringing joy into her life. May you two have a lifetime of happiness!

[Bride], welcome to our family. You are the daughter my parents never had, and the sister I never knew I wanted. We love you and look forward to the future with you as the newest member of our clan.

[Bride], it is only deserving that you get the best that life has to offer. You are already off to a great start with your choice of [groom] for a lifelong partner.

Well-being is for those that care,
Prosperity is for those that try, and
Happiness is for those that love.
May your life together be the richest blend of all three.

Here's to:
Never-ending happiness
Life-long friendship
and Ever-lasting love!

It is said when a child finds true love
the parents find true joy.
Here's to your joy and ours, from this day forward.

Here's to the bride.
May your hours of joy be as numerous
as the petals of your bridal bouquet?

And here's to the Groom, a man who keeps his head though he loses his heart.

May the most you wish for be the least you get.

My wishes for [bride] and [groom] are that their relationship continues to stay strong and they grow together as one. My hope is that they have many more happy moments, and that we can share those moments together - and that they spend each day feeling the love and happiness they share today.

To my wife, my Bride and Joy, our love was destined to be. Thank you for marrying me and making me the happiest man in the world. I love you with all my heart and I look forward to the many happy years ahead of us.

To that look they have in their eyes today,
may their love grow stronger everyday,
and may happy times come often and stay long.

Love is not an absolute, a truth, or a limited substance - not something that you're in it or out of it. It's a feeling that ebbs and flows, depending on how you treat each other. And when it ebbs, if you learn new ways to interact, the feelings can come flowing back, often stronger than before. Enjoy each other; be there for each other, and your marriage will prosper.

To love, laughter and happily ever after!
And may that twinkle in [Bride's name] eye that I still see,
never fade but glow ever more!

Please raise your glasses to the Bride and Groom:
We wish them well for the future, and hope they enjoy a long and happy marriage.

To both of you - may you have many warm days...and nights.
May your life be full of happiness and laughter - and all of the good stuff!

Family and friends, please raise your glasses and join me in a toast.

We wish you many more years of good fortune, good health and happiness.
To two very special people, [Groom's name] and [Bride's name].

May you always remember the light and
happiness you share on this day.
Let it remind you of the love of your family,
the love of your friends,
and your love for each other.
May God bless you greatly in your lives.

To the Bride and Groom:
I wish the both of you all the happiness in the world,
and may you bring each other patience, understanding,
strength, loyalty and love from this day forward.

[bride], you have made me a proud father, as always.
[groom], you bring a smile to my daughter's face. May that continue forever.

My advice for the Bride and Groom: simply love each other.
When you are in the good times and the bad, love each other.
When you are away from each other, love each other.
When you have an argument, love each other.
When you go to bed each night, well, if I have to tell you to love each other then...you've
got problems!

Enjoy each other, and enjoy each day.
Enjoy each sunrise, and bask in each sunset.
If your cup is empty, may it be full again.
Love each other, and be kind to each other.
When you can do that, you will have found the secret to a successful marriage.

One gift in this world that is precious and rare
is the love that a parent and their child can share.