



HOW TO WRITE YOUR BEST MAN'S SPEECH



A COMPLETE GUIDE TO WRITING YOUR SPEECH



The best man's speech is considered a high point of any wedding. All the groom's nearest and dearest will look at their blue eyed boy sat next to his beautiful new bride and lovingly yet expectantly wait for the best man to take his fine character and rip it up into teeny tiny comedy pieces so that all the assembled guests can have a bloody good laugh at the groom's expense.

Now we're not saying we agree with this but who are we to mess with tradition? So before we work on delivering the speech, with a little help from SimplytheBestMan.co.uk let's take a look at preparing the perfect best man's speech.

#1 THE BASICS

Order of Speakers - The best man is the third wedding speaker after the father of the bride and groom. While the two others will play for a few laughs it's the best man who is the headline and the one that will provide most of the laughs.

Duration - A good wedding speech lasts around 7 minutes. No matter how well you think you're going to do never go on for 10 minutes, it's a speech not stand-up comedy.

Formalities - The best man has a number of key points he has to take care of;

- **Thank you** - The best man thanks the groom for his kind words and both the happy couple for the gifts they will have presented to members of the wedding party during the groom's speech.
- **Roast** - Everyone will be expecting you to talk about the groom and this really is your main role.
- **Postman** - You'll deliver any messages from those who couldn't attend, this might be reading out emails, cards or even texts.
- **Toast** - You'll offer the last toast of the speeches, this comes at the very end of your speech. If you want to do it formally (and seeing as this is a wedding you really should) the correct way is to ask everyone to "...please stand and raise your glasses to Mr & Mrs XXXX".

Adoration - Having got your speech perfect and with the applause and cries of 'more' still ringing in your ears you can now head off to the bar happy with a job well done and ready for all the free drinks that are about to come your way.

But before we get too carried away let's look at how to write that speech.

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There are 8 basic phases to the perfect best man's speech, stick with these and you can't go far wrong.



#1 INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Not everyone will know your name or how you know the groom so start by introducing yourself and your relationship to the groom. "For those of you that don't know me my name's XXX and I've known [groom] since..."

#2 FORMALITIES

Reply on behalf of the wedding party (bridesmaids, ushers, pageboys, etc) for the groom's thanks and gifts from the newlyweds.

#3 THE BRIDE

While you are principally there to talk about the groom **DON'T FORGET THE BRIDE** in your speech.



#4 THE GROOM (TAKE AIM... FIRE!)

This will be the main part of your speech where you'll make the groom regret having picked you in the first place by letting rip with some jokes and/or stories at his expense.

#5 ADVICE TO THE FALLEN

You can follow this up with some useful or useless (funny) advice for either the bride, groom or both for the years ahead.

#6 KIND WORDS

Having let rip and stitched up Mr Wedded-Bliss in front of everyone it's time to re-dress the balance with some heartfelt words about what a great friend and man he really is and give your own best wishes for their future together.

#7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There might be some announcements to make in regards to the reception (check with the couple, organisers and venue beforehand) this is also the part of your speech where you'll read any messages from guests who couldn't make it.

#8 TOAST

You'll conclude your speech by asking everyone to drink a toast to the happy couple.



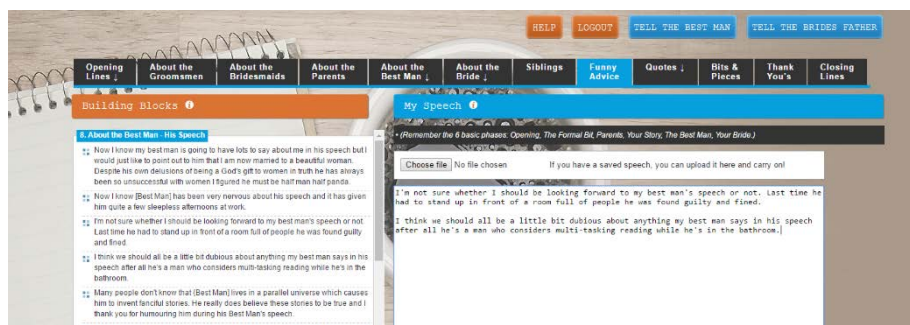
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