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The Groom's Wedding Speeches

Typically, the grooms speech is about the bride - his wife and about their future together and to thank the people involved in making their wedding a memorable occasion.

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Thanking the Father of the Bride

- Thank the Bride's father for proposing the toast
- For his kindness and friendship
- For his daughter
- For the wedding feast (if appropriate)

Thanking the Guests

- for attending
- for their good wishes
- Everyone for their wedding gifts

Thanking the Bride, His Newly Wed Wife

- Thank your new wife for marrying you!
- Talk about how you met
- Talk about why you love your wife
- Talk about your future together

Thank Individuals

- Thank those who have helped organize and plan the event.
- Thank the Bridesmaids who have helped your wife through the day. Comment on their charm & beauty - not too much, though, as you may make your new wife jealous!
- Thank the groomsmen and the Best Man

As well as the traditional thanks, the Groom may wish to add a few words about how he met his wife, activities they share, etc. Gentle teasing is in order.

The grooms speech usually thanks more people than any of the other speakers.

It is usually considered a bit uncouth to thank the people paying for the celebrations for the money they have spent. However it is important to make clear that you appreciate their generosity. There is a risk that your speech becomes a list of "Thank you's" – try to avoid this if possible. One way is to break up the list of thank-you's with humour or reminiscences. This is particularly effective if it relates to the person who has just been thanked, or is about to be thanked.

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Example Speeches - Grooms Speech #1

On behalf of my wife and I, we'd like to thank you all for coming here today and sharing our special day with us. There are times when it's good to be surrounded by people who are important to you, and for us this is one of those occasions. We hope that you're enjoying it every bit as much as we are and we'd like to thank you for your kind wishes cards, presents and support.

We must say we've been really impressed by the number of people that have rallied round to help us in preparation for today, if you're not mentioned by name and that's most of you, please be assured that Kate and I are very grateful.

(Groom) and (Bride), thank you not only for your hospitality this evening and your kindness, but for also giving me your very beautiful daughter. I promise I'll take good care of her and of course do everything she tells me to, even if it involves golf! I must confess I did actually try it a while ago, and during one lesson with the local pro I asked him whether he had seen any improvement since my last lesson. And he said "er... yup, that's a much better haircut". So (Bride), we have a present here for you.

I also want to say thank you to my parents who put up with me for all these years, you have both been there for me when I've needed you and given me a wonderful start in life and I'm very fortunate and proud to have you as my mum and dad. I've a present for you here Mum, as a thank you.

I can imagine that (Best Man), my best man is getting impatient to make his speech soon. Now many people don't know that Neil suffers from a rare medical condition which causes him to invent fanciful stories. He really does believe these stories to be true and I thank you for humouring him during his speech.

I am absolutely delighted to be able stand here today with (Bride), I never knew what was missing in my life before I met her. (Bride) has been a source of friendship, support and love. Of course I've no doubt that she is going to tell me afterwards that the only thing missing in my life at the moment is golf, although I am still waiting for her to explain the attraction to a game that consists of a lot of walking, broken up by disappointment and bad arithmetic.

And finally, the bridesmaids, thanks for calming (Bride) nerves and helping in her preparation today. I'd also like thank you for getting her to the church in one piece and on time, you've done a brilliant job. We have a small gift for each of you as a token of our appreciation.

Well, that's it from me for now, but, before I pass you over to my best man, Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand and lift your glasses and join me in a toast to bridesmaids...

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Example Speeches - Grooms Speech #2

Ladies and Gentlemen: I would like to thank (FOB) for those sincere words and both (MOB) and (FOB) for the love that they have both shown me, not only in preparation for today, but from the first moment that we met some two and a half years ago.

I don't know who was more surprised that first night when (Bride) brought me home without warning, when they were sitting there all ready for bed in their satin bath robes and (FOB) in his Snoopy slippers.

Anyway, quickly moving on, I did have a speech all worked out for this occasion, but, of course, now that I'm a married man, (Bride) has insisted that I read from the one that she has written for me.

So here goes:

On behalf of my wife and I...I suppose I'm going to have to get used to that, I would like to start by thanking everyone here today for sharing our very special day with us. Thank-you for all the wonderful gifts and cards that you have given us, we are very touched at your generosity. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing how (FOB) has managed to gift-wrap the Wheelbarrow!

We have both been very nervous about today and it means a great deal to us that you are sharing our day with us, and we hope that you are enjoying the occasion every bit as much as we are.

Most people on their wedding day describe it as the happiest day of their lives. That worries me because it implies that as from tomorrow there's a lifelong decline ahead, so I'm making the most of today. However, I'm so happy today that even days less happy would still be blissful.

I would like to say a special thank-you to those of you that have travelled some distance to be here today. It is quite a humbling experience to realise that you have friends and family that care so much for you. And I do genuinely mean that.

(MOB) & (FOB)

Bobbie & Steve I would like to thank you so much everything you have done and for welcoming me so openly into your family.

I feel very proud to be able to say that I am your son-in-law and will always do my best to live up to your expectations and promise to take care of (Bride)...and of course do everything she tells me to do...

...now I'm not saying she's bossy...but I know my place!

The whole day and everything else you have given us has been so overwhelming. We never expected all of this and you have both made us feel very special. I'm sure everyone will agree what a fantastic day it has been so far – even the weather has been on our side.

And, most importantly for giving me your blessing to marry your beautiful daughter. I hope that you don't feel that you've lost a daughter, but have gained another mouth to feed and someone to clean up after.

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By the way (FOB), I have not forgotten. I'll sign the receipt for you. (FOB) has written out a receipt for me. It says:

Received one daughter in perfect condition, fully guaranteed, fully warranted. Comes complete with extras. Keep topped up with expensive jewellery, and lubricate well with fine wines. Service regularly...oh no sorry I missed a bit...service regularly with lavish trips to exotic and far away places...you really must make your writing more clear! Warning: has a tendency to get irritable if doesn't have the final say on EVERYTHING. Care notes: gets bored easily, keep busy with a constant supply of chores.

Not to be outdone though my mum has written out a receipt for (Bride). It reads:

Received one son, sold as seen, no refunds under any circumstances. We've re-decorated the room and changed the locks, so you're stuck with him. Warning: the slight discolouration is dirt, which may come off with vigorous scrubbing. Care notes: de-hydrates easily, top up regularly with red wine.

Grooms Mum & Friend

I also want to say a special thank-you to my Grooms Mum & Friend.

(MOG) you have been there for me constantly. To have brought (Brother), (Brother) and myself up on your own as you did in our younger days, with so much love, care and guidance has made you not only an amazing person but also my best friend. I am very fortunate and proud to have you as my mum. During my teenage years, (Friend) you gave my mum everything she deserved and became an amazing father figure.

I would like to thank you both for the advice you have given me, for putting up with me and for pointing me in the right direction...usually only to watch me go off and do exactly the opposite, of course...but that's what sons are for and do best.

And for welcoming (Bride) into the family with open arms and for supporting her as much as you do. Mum, don't worry I will still come round to see you...and at the same time get you to cook a meal, wash my laundry, and generally leave a mess behind...so nothing really changes!

(MOG),(Friend),(MOB) & (FOB) you have been a huge help with the house. I am not sure we could have done it without you. Richard & Suzy you know that we owe you so much for the support and help when we moved in. I just hope that in the happiness of our marriage we can repay some of what you have done for us.

It is at this point that I would like to give some flowers to both our mums, for being two very inspirational figures in (Bride) & my life. And may I just add that you both look beautiful today.

[Present flowers]

(Bride)

As some of you know there is an age gap between(Bride) and I...although as a gentleman I will not tell you exactly how much younger I am. For our first official date...I say the first official date as we are not counting the midnight Chinese restaurant in Soho where we drank wine from a teapot with (friends). We would have counted it but none of us can remember any more than that...and (Bride) has asked me not to mention the fact that I invited eleven people into our hotel room the next morning to say hello. So without telling you any of that...our first official date was to a lovely restaurant in Essex where I spent two and a half hours on the phone to another woman. Guys...you've either got it or you haven't...ouch...no seriously I thought that I would put the relationship to the test and all I can say is that she came through with top marks. I came through it with marks as well but that's another story

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(Bride) you have stood by me through a lot of decisions since we got together. You agreed to make me the happiest man in the world today and have a natural way that makes every day a joy to be with you.

I know that I told you earlier but I want everyone to know how beautiful you look today. Your dress is stunning and you really do look like a little princess. You really have made me the happiest and proudest man alive today by saying 'I will' and I can't wait to tell everyone that you are now Mrs (Surname), at every opportunity. I don't have to hope that our future together will be a happy one...I know it will be, because every day I wake to find that I love (Bride) twice as much as the day before. As (Bride) will tell you – I'm often wrong, but in marrying (Bride), I know I've made the right decision. Thank-you, darling.

The Ushers

I want to say a thank-you to (ushers) for agreeing to be our Ushers and in doing such a great job for us today. You have taken a lot of the worry out of the jobs that needed doing and have done everything that we need.

The Best Man

I am going to struggle to put this next part of my speech into words. There is someone else in this room that I love as dearly as my wife...and that is (Son)l. (Son), Daddy is so proud of you and loves you so much. I cannot thank-you enough for agreeing to be one of my two Best Men today. You have given me so much joy and happiness and I want to reassure you that both (Bride) and I will be there for you whenever you need us.

I remember the day that Daddy took you to school and asked you whether you would mind if Daddy asked (Bride) to marry him. You told me that it would be 'Really Cool' and gave me a big hug. Well...it might have only been a few hours but I agree...it is 'really cool'.

It is an amazing feeling knowing how well you and (Bride) get on and I know how much you both love each other. I too love you with all my heart and both (Bride) and I will try and give you the same support and guidance that we have had from our families. You are always going to be special in my eyes and that will never change.

And if (Uncle) has given you any story's to tell about you Dad then you'd better forget them quick.

Oh dear...that brings me onto the other best man. Well...the best I could get at short notice. Thirty years of pain and misery he has caused me. He handed me a whole script of nice wonderful comments that I should tell you about him. Unfortunately, all this did was reinstate my belief of the fact that he is a compulsive liar and anything that he tells you should not be believed for one moment.

I will confirm that he was in a different reform school to that of myself... so he knows nothing of the truth that went on in my childhood.

He was only on day release during our teens and was back under lock and key before dusk...so he knows nothing of my underage drinking habits. Oops sorry mum!

Well hopefully that leave you with nothing left to say...if not I'm sorry Mum, Den, Bobbie, Steve, Michael and Marcella can you leave the room now.

Seriously, both Michael and Steve, I could not think of anyone I would rather be Best Man (Men) for my wedding...no seriously I couldn't...I tried...but they were all booked.

You are have both affected my life in such positive ways and for that I am hugely in you debt.

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(Bride) & I would like to show our appreciation for everything you have done today and in the build up to the wedding and have a small gift for you both.

[Present gifts]

Now before I finish and ask you to join me in a toast, I believe that my lovely wife would like to gatecrash these speeches and say a few words.

[Brides Speech]

Bridesmaids

Thank-you darling.

I would like to bring my speech towards a close by saying a very special thank-you to Francesca & Charlotte, our lovely bridesmaids.

I am sure you will all agree on how beautiful they look and I will always treasure the picture in my mind of you both entering the room with (Bride) and walking down the aisle. Both (Bride) & I would like you to know that your earrings and necklaces are a token of our appreciation for everything you have done today.

On that note, I would like to propose a toast to the bridesmaids so would you all be upstanding...and raise your glasses and join us as we toast...(Bridesmaids).

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