

Best Man Speech

Workbook

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*I*ntroduction

Congratulations on taking the first steps to creating your speech. The hardest thing to do to get started is to simply put pen to paper with a few ideas. So lets get you started straight away by gathering some facts to use in your speech. We'll start with the obvious things like names, dates etc... and move to more thought provoking things like stories and anecdotes about the bride and groom.

How To Use This Book

There are two ways in which you can use this workbook:

1. Save the workbook onto your computer and write your answers directly into the MS Word document (*this requires you to have MS Word installed on your computer*)
2. Print out this workbook and write directly in the answer boxes provided.

Either way, you can follow along with the audio. If nothing else, you should use the audio for motivation and inspiration.

Speech text for you to select is inside a box like this! Simply copy and paste onto your "My Best Man Speech.doc" speech document.

All of the text that makes up your speech is inside a border that looks like this:

You will be given clear instructions each step of the way. Instructions are given in red and look like this:

Instruction: copy & paste your selection onto your speech template

As you work through this workbook, you can copy and paste your selections onto the speech template document. Please open that document now so you are ready to copy and paste your selections.

Instructions on how to copy & paste using Microsoft Word:

There are two ways you can do this:

1. Use the mouse,
2. Use the keyboard

I like using the keyboard shortcuts myself. To copy a selected (highlighted) piece of text press

Ctrl “C” (this is the keyboard shortcut for copy function)

To paste your copied selection into a desired area, place your mouse cursor where you want to copy your selected text and press

Ctrl “V” (this is the keyboard shortcut for paste function)

“ *The* worst thing you could do is procrastinate, so lets get stated **NOW ”**

Please enter the names of the people in the wedding party below:

Instruction: enter the names of the people below

Your name is:

Grooms name is:

Brides name is:

Brides maid of honor is:

Other brides maids names are:

Mother of the bride:

Father of the bride:

Congratulations on making a start. You're now on your way to producing a fine best man speech.

Note: If you don't know any of the names of people above, take a minute, make a phone call and find out. **NOW!**

Now let's turn the page and create your killer speech opening.

Your Killer Speech Opening (your very first words)

The #1 thing to do in your speech is to introduce yourself. There are many ways of doing this, you can tell a story, tell a joke, or simply state who you are. However, as this is a best mans speech; let's give you some better options on what you could say. This is one of the most important parts of your speech as it sets the tone for the rest of your speech and creates the atmosphere... make sure you select the most appropriate killer opening for the occasion and your style. (Remember to enter your own name in the blanks!)

Select ONE of the following killer openings

Instruction: copy & paste your selection onto your speech template

After an introduction like that, I can hardly wait to hear myself speak! *(Pause)*. Hello ladies & gentlemen, for those of you that do not know me, my name is _____ and I'll be your best man for this evening.

Ladies and gentlemen, if there's anybody here this afternoon who's feeling nervous, apprehensive and queasy at the thought of what lies ahead, it's probably because you have just got married to _____

I believe that marriage is a wonderful thing for _____. It will teach him loyalty, self-restraint and control. And it will develop in him a sense of responsibility, fair play and so many other qualities he wouldn't need if he had just stayed single.

I had originally asked for a microphone, but don't worry if you cannot hear me at the back of the room, as the silence from those in front should assure you that you're not missing out on anything.

I'd like to congratulate _____ on a truly magnificent speech, I always knew it would be hard to follow, and I was right, I could hardly follow a word of it.

I think you will all agree _____ (bride) looks one in a million today. And _____ you look smashing also. Even though it's plainly obvious that you've copied my outfit.

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I hope everyone is enjoying this very special day so far. It's been an emotional day,even the cake is in tiers.

On behalf of those who don't know my name is _____ and am _____ younger brother. our parents were obviously so disappointed with their first attempt they decided to try again. And despite knowing me for 30 years _____ decided to ask me to be his best man – well probably the best he could find anyway.

Ladies & Gentlemen. My name is _____, and on behalf of _____ (groom) and _____, (bride) I would like to thank you for attending this blessed event today! I promise to keep my words brief, as I know we're all here to witness the spectacle that is _____ (groom) dancing

When _____ asked me to be best man, I honestly felt very honoured. And in typical fashion for avoiding responsibility, I succumbed to saying to him that I felt that the role may be better suited to one of the other guys. A couple of days later, _____ phoned me and admitted that I was in fact the best of a bad bunch

There are obviously two very important people here today, without whom very little of this would have been possible. And the great thing is that as the evening progresses, most of us will get to spend more and more time talking with them. So please join me in a very special toast – to the bar staff!

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen - my name is John and I am the Best Man. Now it is said that being asked to be the Best Man is like being asked to make love to the Queen Mother - it's a great honour... (Pause). ... but nobody really wants to do it. (Pause). ... But, even so, it is a great honour to be _____best man, and with that honour comes the responsibility of writing this bloody speech.

Fornication like this, ladies and gentlemen...(Pause). I'm sorry, (Pause). For an occasion like this it is customary for the best man to speak about the grooms many good points and sing his praises. Unfortunately, for those that know me, you know I cannot sing, and I don't like to lie either.

Hi my name is _____ and _____ has asked me to be his best man for this wonderful occasion. I would like to say it is a very special honour but with it, comes the responsibility of giving the bloody speech. I would not say it is very comfortable to wear a tuxedo in a 100-degree church, which is not air-conditioned. The church ceremony I'm sure you'll all agree was a wonderful, wonderful occasion. Maybe a little hot, but I'm glad to see so many of you have replaced your electrolytes with fuel of the alcoholic kind since the reception began.

Notice how some of the opening lines are quite short? If you select a short opening line, then you'll need to pad out your opening a little more with a funny joke, anecdote.

Sometimes it just makes sense to follow on the way you start. So your speech flows:

If you selected a really short opener, something like: "Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I hope everyone is enjoying this very special day so far. It's been an emotional day,even the cake is in tiers." Then it would also make sense to select a second opening line from above. Remember there are no hard and fast rules when creating your speech.

Select as many of the following killer opener fillers as you need:

Instruction: copy & paste your selection onto your speech template

During my research for this speech - and yes, would you believe, this was researched - I looked into the three key elements of a wedding day: first, the aisle, the longest walk you'll ever take... second, the altar, the place where two become one... and third, the hymns, to celebrate the marriage. I hope for John's sake that this explains why _____ (bride) was whispering 'aisle, altar, hymn... I'll, alter, him... throughout the service.

I'd just like to say, _____, you are a lucky groom - you've married _____, who's beautiful, smart, funny, warm, loving and caring, and she deserves a good husband. So thank God you married her before she found one.

I never thought that _____ would get married. I remember a few years ago, he said if he ever did, he would have to marry a woman with small feet. 'Why small feet?' I asked. 'So she can get closer to the sink,' he answered.

It's a great honour to be _____ best man. But unfortunately with that honour comes the responsibility of writing this bloody speech. But I feel a bit comforted by the fact I've actually rehearsed this speech in front of a live audience. At local geriatric home - and judging by the response I got, one could only assume that this speech is top shelf - they all pissed themselves anyway.

A wise man once told me that a best man's speech should last only as long as it takes the groom to make love.....so thank you ladies and gentlemen and good afternoon. [Sit down, wait a second & then continue]

It's kind of a bugger because all of my stuff has been plagiarised. It reminds me of when _____ and I were at school... He was always copying me.

Where do you begin for ideas for a speech? The obvious place seemed to be the internet. So with a multitude of resources at my fingertips I began searching. And after a couple of hours I came across some really good stuff... Then I realised I was supposed to be looking for a best mans speech. I did actually come across some really good pre-prepared speeches, but sadly, none of them were about a couple called _____ and _____.

As part of my research I discovered that according to tradition, I'm supposed to sing the grooms praises, and tell you about his many good points. Well, for those of you that know me, you know that I can't sing, and I'm not going to lie.

Now I did ask for a microphone but was told one wasn't available. So if you can't hear me at the back, the silence from the people at the front should re-assure you that you're not missing out on anything.

Being Best man is a bit like having sex with the queen mother. No one wants to do it. But it is an honour.

I asked John what he was looking for in marriage. 'Love, happiness and eventually a family' he said. When I asked Jane the same question, she replied, 'a microwave.

A wise man once told me that a best man's speech should last only as long as it takes the groom to make love.....so thank you ladies and gentlemen and good afternoon. [Sit down, wait a second & then continue]

Speech check.

By now, your speech template should resemble something like this:

MY BEST MAN SPEECH

Speech Opening

After an introduction like that, I can hardly wait to hear myself speak! *(Pause)* Hello ladies & gentlemen, for those of you that do not know me, my name is John and I'll be your best man for this evening.

When Brent asked me to be best man, I honestly felt very honoured. And in typical fashion for avoiding responsibility, I succumbed to saying to him that I felt that the role may be better suited to one of the other guys. A couple of days later, Brent phoned me and admitted that I was in fact the best of a bad bunch

It's a great honour to be Brent's best man. But unfortunately with that honour comes the responsibility of writing this bloody speech. But I feel a bit comforted by the fact I've actually rehearsed this speech in front of a live audience. At local geriatric home – and judging by the response I got, one could only assume that this speech is top shelf – they all pissed themselves anyway.

Check your speech so that it makes sense, it should flow and conform to a style you feel comfortable with.

Congratulations. You have now completed approximately one to two minutes of your speech.

Read your speech a couple of times. Make sure you change words where necessary to make it flow. Avoid repetition, and even try a few different combinations of openers and opening fillers so that you've got an opening that you're happy with and can recite easily.

If you haven't toasted the bridesmaids yet in your opening remarks, then add this snippet to your speech now.

Allow me to begin by adding a few words of appreciation for the bridesmaids _____ . They do indeed look fantastic and is sure to be the object of much unwelcome attention this evening. I'd like to apologise in advance.

Here is a speech opening that I actually used this year

Now I did ask for a microphone but was told one wasn't available. So if you can't hear me at the back, the silence from the people at the front should re-assure you that you're not missing out on anything.

Being Best man is a bit like having sex with the queen mother. No one wants to do it.

But it is an honour.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Brent and I have the honour of being John's best man. To tell you the truth, I was a little bit nervous about doing this, especially after the prolonged but excellently crafted 10 minutes of humiliation that John served to me at my wedding. So I confess that I have actually rehearsed this speech. , I visited the local old folks home and practiced in front of a live audience there... I think it went well, they all pissed themselves anyway.

Let me first thank John for his toast to the bridesmaids, Kerry & Leigh-Anne, who both look absolutely smashing today. You've both done a terrific job in assisting Adele prepare for today and you're only rightly outshone by our bride, Adele. I'm sure you'll agree with me gentlemen, that today is a sad day for single men, as another beauty leaves the available list.

*T*hat should give you a good idea for your speech opening. At least the creative juices should be flowing by now. Remember, this list of ideas isn't exhaustive, but is a great start.

So far, we have covered off most of the formalities that usually occur in the opening remarks of a best mans speech as well. These are;

1. Thank the Groom for his speech & for asking you to be best man
2. Flatter and thank the bride on behalf of the maids of honour or bridesmaids and the other helpers. Compliment the looks of the bride and her person.
3. Thank the hosts of the part on behalf of the guests

Have a look at your speech. Does your speech cover all of these? Do you want to adjust your speech slightly to cover all these items in your opening? Or do you want to add some more content.

Review your opening NOW, before moving on to the body of your speech.

*D*evelop the body of your speech

This is the tough part of the speech. It requires a little bit of thought and planning. So let's break down the body into some different ideas you can talk about to develop your speech.

Remember this though. You only have time to develop three or four of these ideas at the most. So it would be best to go through this entire exercise and see what content you would like to include, and the content to discard.

If you only intend to speak for 5 minutes. Then select one or two of these only. But they'll need to be very good, high impact and very entertaining, otherwise your speech will lack substance.

*H*ere's the full list of ideas to develop.

1. Story about your relationship to the groom.
 - a. How did the two of you meet?
 - b. How has your friendship developed
 - c. how you came to be best mates?
2. Little known facts about the groom. What is he good at, what is he bad at, does he have any ticks, or moments of clarity, anything that the audience might find amusing.
3. 5 good adjectives to describe the groom's personality and
5 bad/indifferent adjectives to describe the groom's personality
4. Why did the groom choose you as best man? Ask him before and give his answer a nice twist
5. Address the couple and include an anecdote or story about the bride and groom. Tease a little bit.
 - a. How did they meet each other

- b. How did he tell you about his new love?
 - c. What did they do for their first date
 - d. What is the most interesting thing they have done together as a couple
6. Come up with some funny stories about the groom
- a. his years of study,
 - b. job skills,
 - c. sports,
 - d. hobbies and
 - e. achievements.
7. Read out some telegrams. These are usually fictitious, so I'll give you some good ideas here.
8. Advice to the Bride & Groom
9. What year was the groom born? What other "Special" and/or hilarious moments occurred either on his birth date, or during his first year.
10. What was the US or UK #1 single, band or album in the year he was born. (*if this story is appropriate, then tie it in a funny anecdote*)

If you are thinking "WOW" that's a lot of information, don't worry too much. You should know more than enough to fill in hours of speech on the groom, so if you already have an idea about what you'd like to say, then jump to the appropriate section and write your information now. Otherwise, let's work through the above list methodically and build the body of your speech.

Notes you need to know before you start your body:

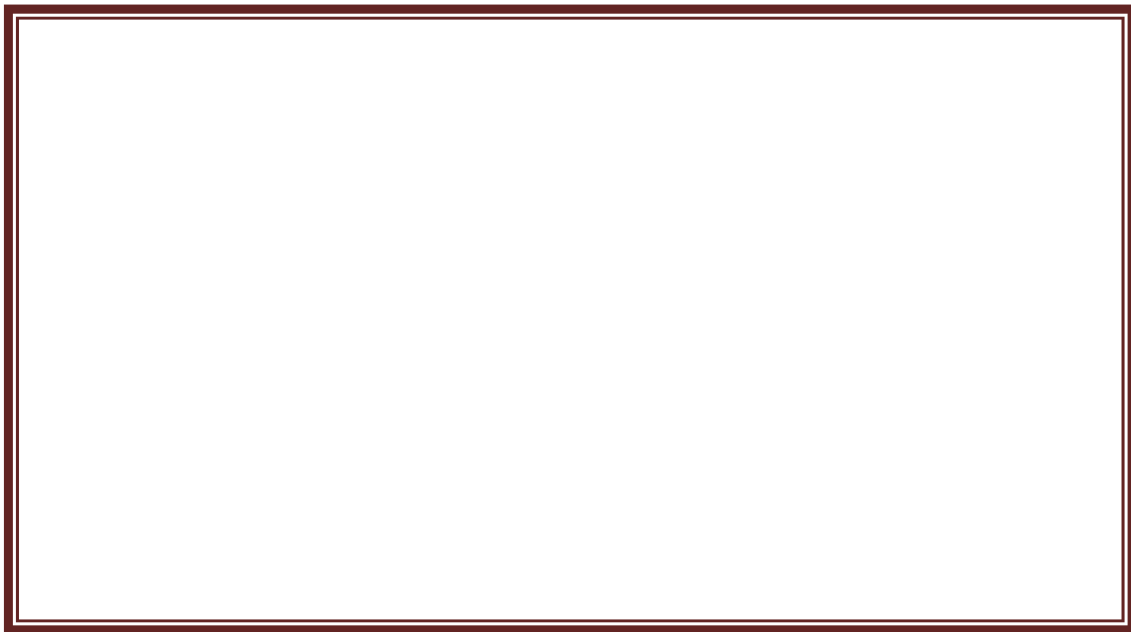
1. A story or anecdote in this section should consist of 3 or 4 sentences maximum.
2. The usual structure for these would be. First sentence introducing the paragraph, 2 or 3 sentences to develop the paragraph, and a final sentence to deliver your punch-line.
3. Don't talk about past girlfriends, or experiments with past girls. It's bad taste, and ½ the audience won't appreciate you for it.
4. **The arrangement of your speech is important, use lead ins, lead outs... follow on's etc... to pad out your speech. Be brutal when you edit your speech, don't repeat yourself and read it aloud to someone else to get their feed back. You'll easily see where it needs to be re-arranged.**
5. Remember, the writing of your speech is not as important as the delivery. So memorize as much of your speech as possible, or at least the opening and conclusions.

*S*tory about your relationship to the groom.

- a. How did the two of you meet?
- b. How has your friendship developed
- c. how you came to be best mates?

This part should be pretty easy. It is also a very good option to insert straight after the opening remarks, as it introduces the groom and serves as a good platform to grill the groom from here.

Don't just talk about how you met, if there's a funny story, or even bending of the truth slightly for the sake of the story, then you should do that. You can always say something like "I always thought..." or "If you ask me,..." as a precursory to any fabrications you might need to put into your speech.

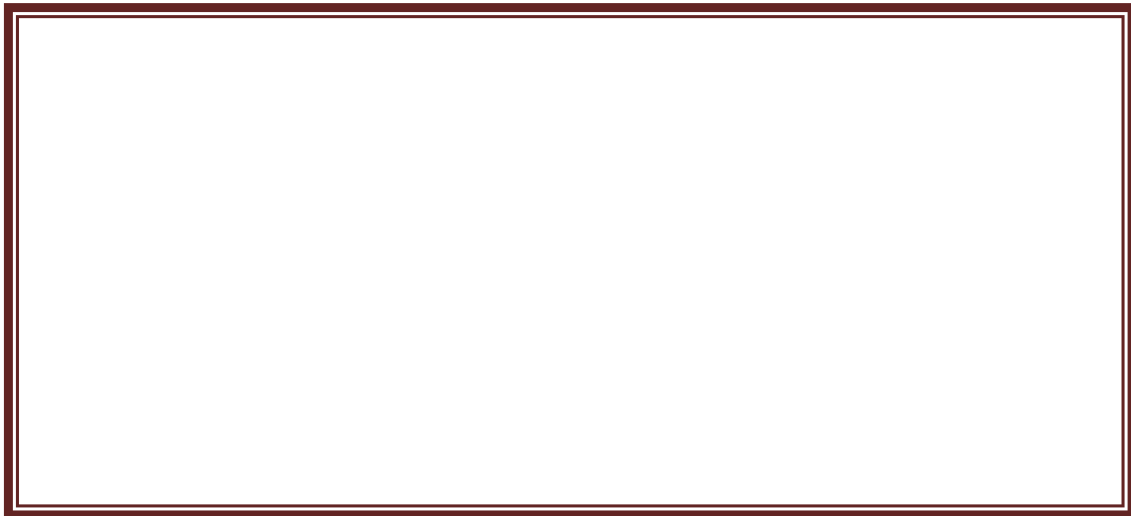


Example: *“My first encounters with John were on the sports field. In fact we were both very competitive in our earlier years. It wasn't until high school that we became good mates. Our high school years were great years, discovering beer, sports, and developing our tastes for girls. Unfortunately, that's all I can tell you about those years, as anything I tell you about John also incriminates me.”*

Little known facts about the groom.

- a. what is he good at
- b. what is he bad at
- c. does he have any ticks
- d. or moments of clarity
- e. anything that the audience might find amusing

This is a good follow on from the introduction story about how you know the groom. Here this is a natural progression because now you get the chance to develop your character (the groom). Make sure it's funny, and make sure that it makes sense! Once again don't worry about white lies and fabrications, as long as it flows, you'll be fine.



Example: *“Now I have always admired John for his ability to be able to take a joke, perhaps not the best example of this is when myself, Kilpy and Dan attended John’s 30th (quite some ago now) and we decided to remove all the labels from all his tinned food (immature I know, it was Kilpys idea), not sure if John was more gutted with our action, or perhaps the next time he went to get some peaches for his ice cream and got baked beans.”*

It is possible to put two of these snippets into your speech. Should you choose to, just make sure they are entertaining. I wouldn't do any more than two myself, otherwise the content would be too repetitive.

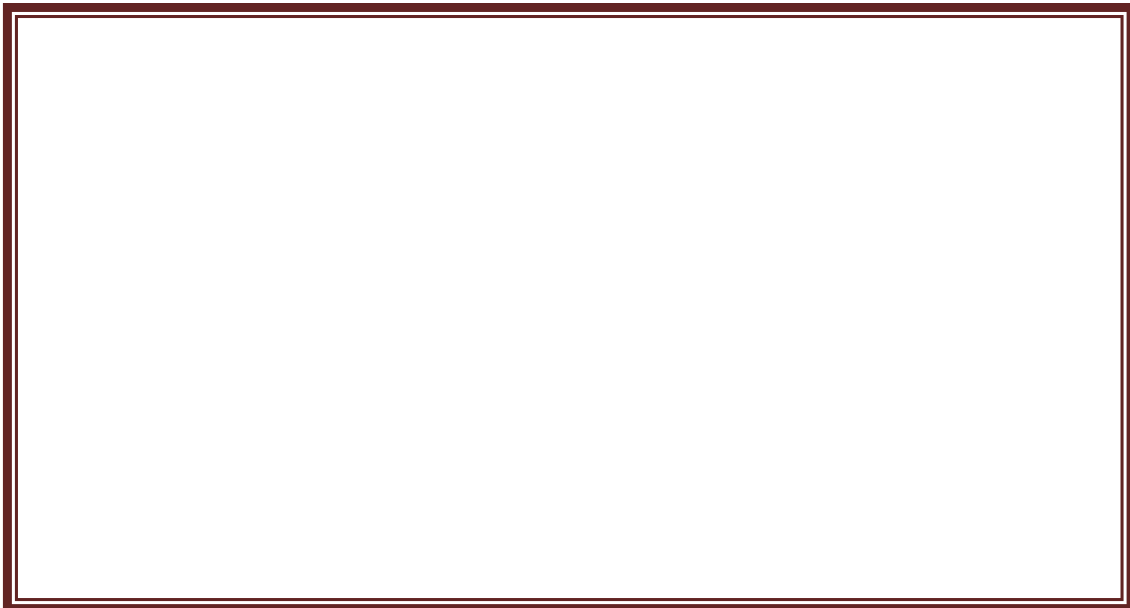
*D*escribe the Grooms personality

- a. five good adjectives to describe the grooms personality and
- b. five bad/indifferent adjectives to describe the grooms personality

This is another way to further develop your subject! I love this one as illustrated in the example below. Go to town with this and have some fun with your speech.

Now you're really getting into your speech, so feel free to let loose here with some great adjectives.

It's also a really good idea to say that you've gathered these descriptions from someone else, like the grooms family, or new bride!



Example: *“Then there have been a few words of kind words and praise that have come from some people that are here sharing in your special day. So I wrote a few of them down. **John** here are a few of the words that have been used to describe you...*

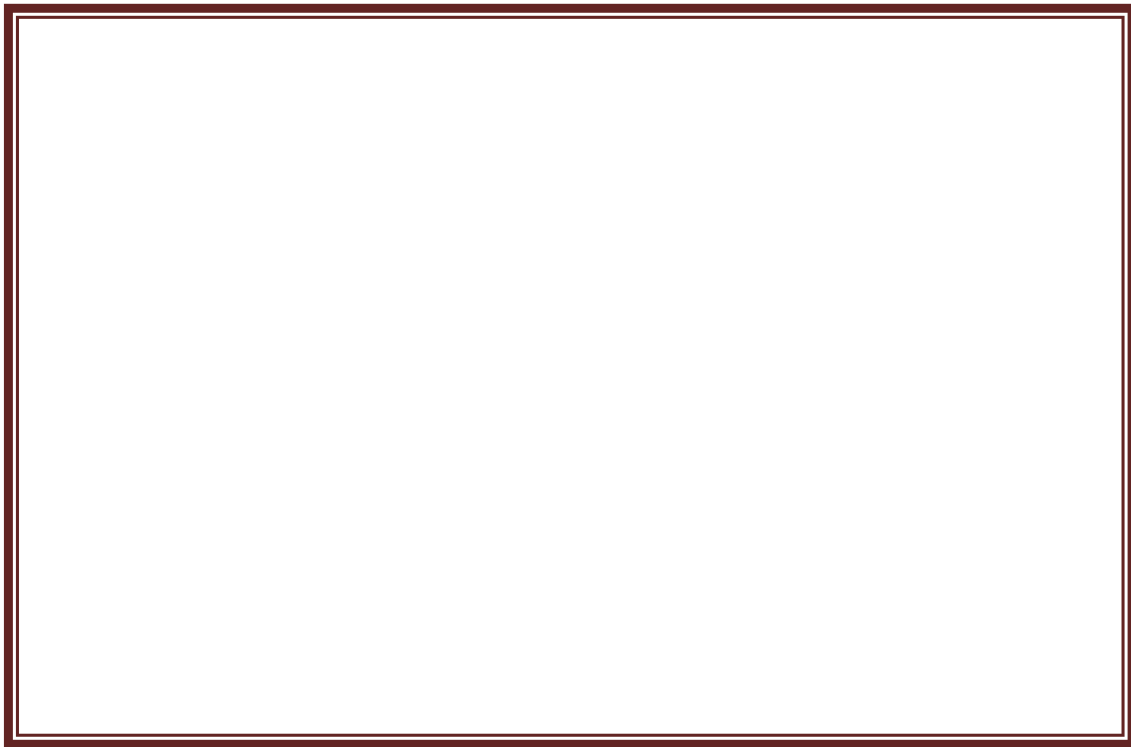
“A great friend” that was my one. Thoughtful, caring, trusting and charismatic... all very kind words... , In fact, I barely found a person that had something bad to say... Although I did find some...

When I heard... “Belligerent, lazy, stubborn and obstinate... I thought, hang on, that’s a bit rough... Maybe not entirely untrue but a bit unnecessary for my speech... But if his parents don’t know him, then who does...”

Why did the groom choose you as best man?

- a. Ask him before and give his answer a nice twist

This is another idea to pad out your speech, or even use this as a link into another section in the body of your speech, which is my preferred approach. You probably know why you're the best man. Surely you've been best friends for as long as you can remember, maybe you share a special bond, or an event that brought you together. Be original here and don't whatever you do, repeat yourself from earlier... skip this section if you think you've already covered this in your story, or use the information here to help structure your speech with a link into another section.



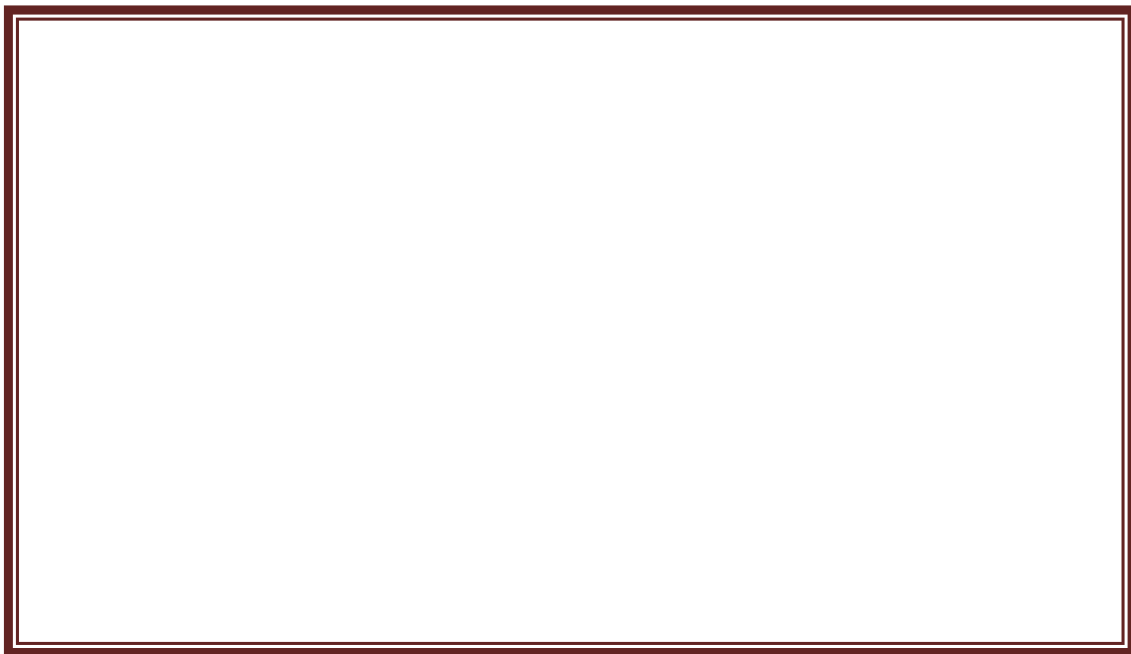
Example: *“When John asked me to be Best Man, I honestly felt very honoured. And in typical Brent fashion for avoiding responsibility, I succumbed to saying to him that I felt that the role may be better suited to one of the other guys. A couple of days later, John phoned me and admitted that I was in fact the best of a bad bunch.*”

I was understandably a little offended at this and I told him that I was certainly not a man that could be bought. So to avoid confrontation, he offered to pay for my suit, hotel room, and offer as much food and wine that I could swallow.”

Address the couple. Include an anecdote or story about the bride and groom

- a. How did they meet each other
- b. How did he tell you about his new love?
- c. What did they do for their first date
- d. What is the most interesting thing they have done together as a couple

This content is typical of about 90 percent of all best man speeches. How the bride and groom met. You can keep it brief, or tell the full story. Remember though, if the story is long, then you'll need to tart it up and make it funny. However, it is always a good idea to talk a bit about the bride as well. You may need more space than is provided, just make sure you keep your sentences short and paragraphs to two or three sentences each.



Example: *“asking Adele’s father for his blessing was the hardest thing John ever did. The setting was the local golf course, where I hear John played his usual game of whiskies, pulls and hooks, missed putts and duff shots... obviously he had a few more important things on his mind! Funny thing is that after Brent asked Stuart for Adele’s hand in marriage, his game blew out and I hear he played almost as bad as Brent was.”*

*C*ome up with some funny stories about the groom

- a. his years of study,
- b. job skills,
- c. sports,
- d. hobbies and
- e. achievements.

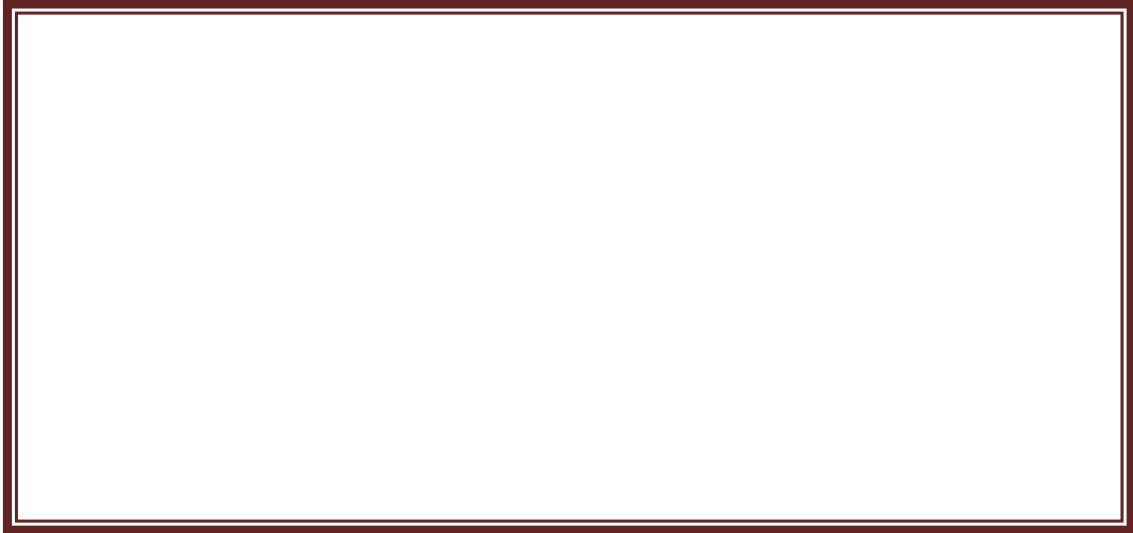
A must have section of your speech. Make your stories flow, and follow the rules of speech writing as discussed in previous sections. The above list should give you a few ideas.

You will need to put at least one story down here. Maybe two, but certainly no more than three. Each story should take about one minute to two minutes to say, so your speech timing can easily get away from you here if you're not hard on yourself and making the stories succinct.

Example: *“John was always a high flyer. Destined for great heights. He applied himself at school, and got some really good grades. In fact, he was so dedicated to his studies that I remember one year he sat his end of year exams with the impediment of having his good arm in a cast. I asked him how hard it was writing with such an impediment, to which he relied; “the exams were a breeze compared wiping my ass with my left hand, it can get quite messy, you should give it a go some time.”*

Read out some telegrams

These are usually fictitious, so feel free to make them up. Two telegrams is the norm. so if you've got actual emails or telegrams to say, then mix in one fictitious one.

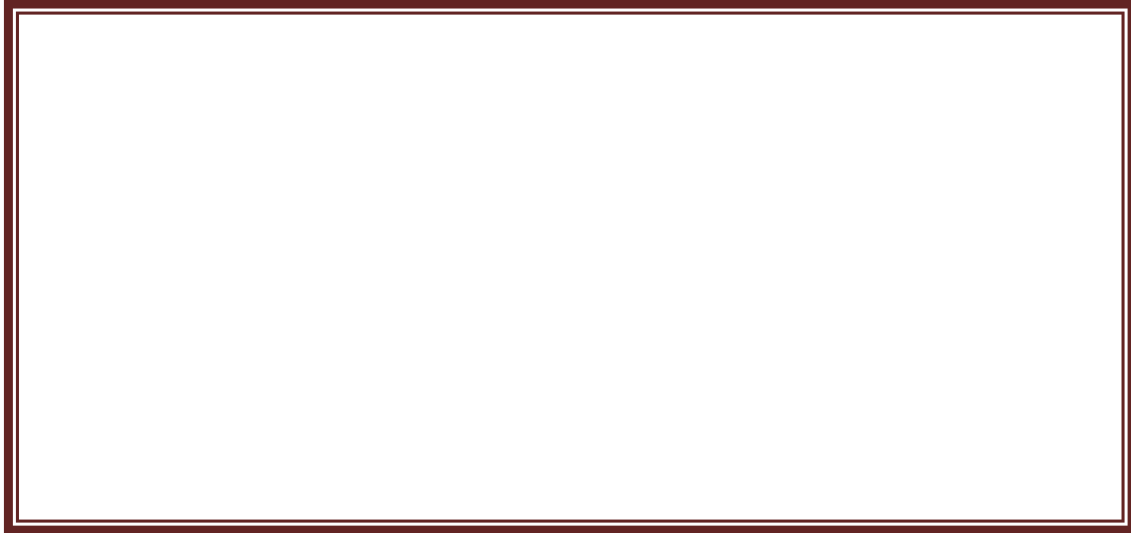


Example: *“I have a couple of messages... this came in from Johns baseball team... dear John and Jane. We’ve been playing with John for a while now, and we’ve tried in him every position... and he’s bloody useless... hopefully you have some better luck.*

And this one I received yesterday. John, we wish you all the best with your marriage, Jane is a luck woman to have you, and we will miss you. From the girls at XXX Fantasy Club.”

Give advice to the bride & groom

This is another fun part. And always well received at weddings. I've included lots of examples here to help get your creative juices flowing.



Example: *"I've collected a wonderful assortment of advice from your friends and family in the audience here today, and here is a brief selection of what they have to say:*

Firstly, to the bride.

Adele:

- 1. The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness, can be trained to do most things*
- 2. The best way to get your Brent to do anything is to suggest that he is too old to do it*
- 3. Never go to bed angry. Stay up and fight.*

John:

*Married life can be compared to football. So be fully committed every week and make sure you score at least once every weekend. Make sure you change ends at half time. Put your tackle into it hard or you might injure yourself. However, **Adele** assures me that playing away from home, will result in a serious injury and will immediately place you on the transfer list."*

Other advice examples:

Love honour and cherish each other, and don't forget to take out the garbage

Your wife is always right

Just in case she is not right, refer back to #2

Always, yes always, notice every new hairstyle or dress

Do something nice for each other every single day. If she asks if something makes her look fat the answer is categorically NO

Flowers are always a good Idea, even if you are not in trouble

There is really nothing better than a good foot rub or massage

Your wife IS more important than sports. I guess. Even the cup final

Remember forever, what it was like when you first met and had the sparks of romance, cherish the union like it is constantly renewed

To The Bride...

Remember that men are like a fine wine...

They start out like grapes...

And it is your job to stamp on them in the dark until they turn into something you would like to have dinner with.

To The Groom...

By coincidence, women too are like a fine wine...

They start out fresh, fruity and intoxicating to the mind...

And then they turn full bodied with age, and eventually give you a splitting headache!

What year was the groom born?

What other “Special” and/or hilarious moments occurred either on his birth date, or during his first year?

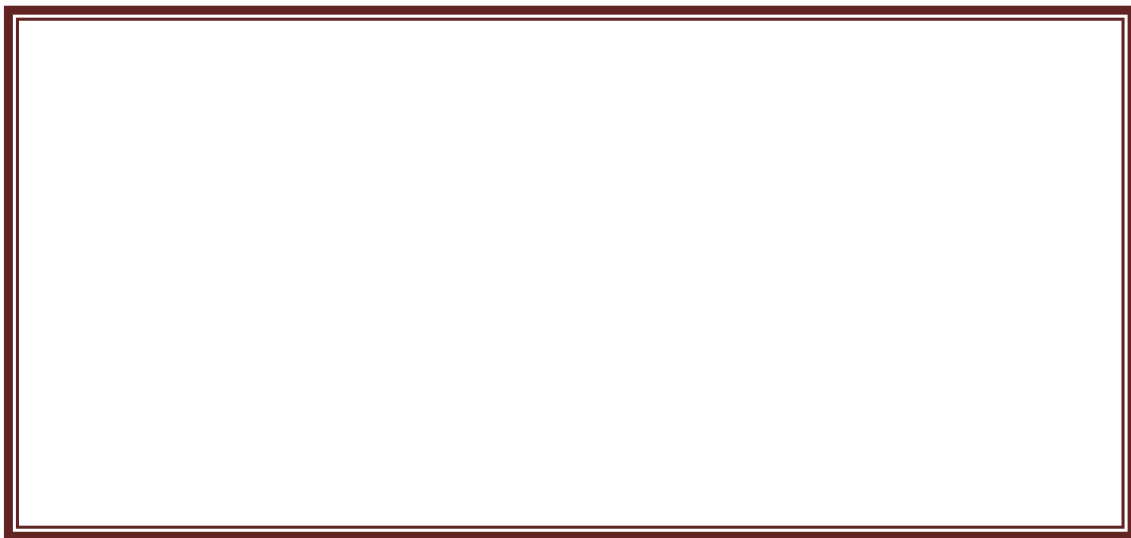
For this section you might need to use the internet to do some research. Find out what got invented, or what happened on the same date or same year that the groom was born.

These are the internet sites I use to collect information like this:

Google.com - do a search - “what happened the year I was born”

<http://www.blogthings.com/whathappenedtheyearyouwerebornquiz/>

<http://www.infoplease.com/yearbyyear.html>



Example: *“John was born in 1977, and I had a quick look on the Internet to see what other events took place that year. New York Yankees win the World Series and Oakland Raiders win Superbowl XI. But the main event of 1977 was the birth of the world's first test tube baby, and isn't he looking well ladies and gentlemen?”*

What was the **US or UK #1 single, band or album in the year he was born**

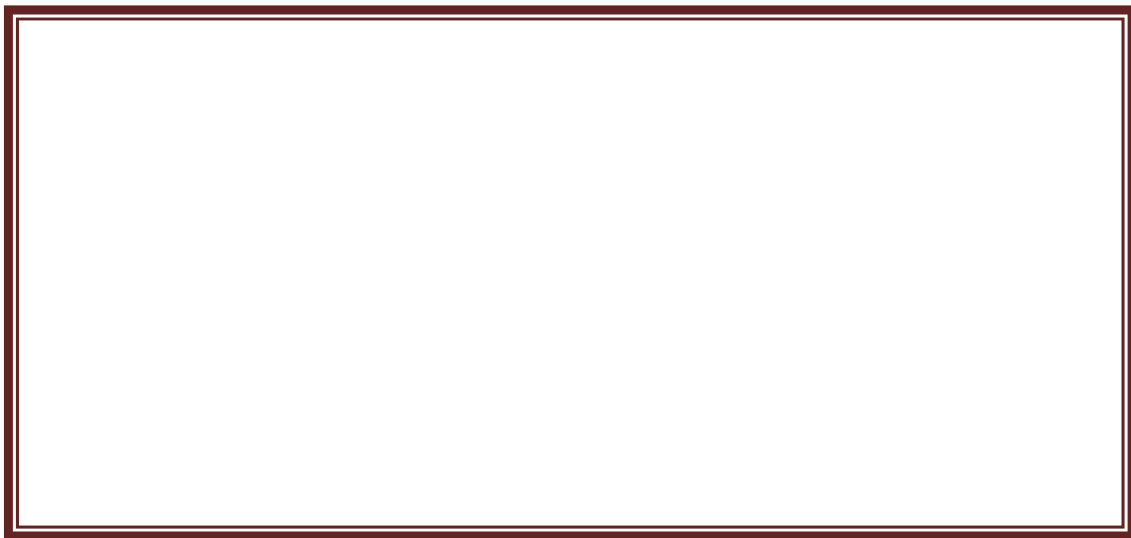
(if this story is appropriate, then tie it in a funny anecdote)

Use Google and Wikipedia to answer this question, you'll want to pad out your answer, and maybe tie this in with one of your previous answers. Use this as a lead in, or lead out, or to help make one of your existing stories funny. It is always nice to have quotes or facts in which to help illustrate your points.

These are the internet sites I use to collect information like this:

Google.com - do a search - "what was number one single"

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_number-one_singles_\(UK\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_number-one_singles_(UK))



Example: *"He was born IN 1956 on a Sunday, number one in the charts was Elvis with 'way down', now the only other event I found of any importance in this month was the introduction of free family planning.*

*Now I wouldn't say **John** was an ugly baby, but his mom only had morning sickness after he was born."*

*S*peech check

Time to have a look at your speech so far, and to start the editing process. Make sure your speech flows. Make sure your stories link. If you need to add lines to help your speech make sense, then do that now.

All that is left after this is the conclusions and the toast. So lets spend some time here getting the body of our speech right before we move on.

Instruction: copy & paste your selections onto your speech template

Put your speech in an order that looks most logical and flows. If you've filled out every section above, then you'll probably have a speech that is ten to fifteen minutes long, so will need serious editing. Be hard on yourself with the editing and cut anything that doesn't fit, or make sense.

It is really up to you how much you edit, but before you do I recommend practicing it and saying it aloud a few times to yourself before editing. You'll see what I mean.

Your speech should resemble something like this so far.

Speech Opening

Now I did ask for a microphone but was told one wasn't available. So if you can't hear me at the back, the silence from the people at the front should re-assure you that you're not missing out on anything.

Being Best man is a bit like having sex with the queen mother. No one wants to do it.

But it is an honour.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Brent and I have the honour of being John's best man. To tell you the truth, I was a little bit nervous about doing this, especially after the prolonged but excellently crafted 10 minutes of humiliation that John served to me at my wedding. So I confess that I have actually rehearsed this speech. , I visited the local old folks home and practiced in front of a live audience there... I think it went well, they all pissed themselves anyway.

Let me first thank John for his toast to the bridesmaids, Kerry & Leigh-Anne, who both look absolutely smashing today. You've both done a terrific job in assisting Adele prepare for today and you're only rightly outshone by our bride, Adele. I'm sure you'll agree with me gentlemen, that today is a sad day for single men, as another beauty leaves the available list.

Speech Body

"When John asked me to be Best Man, I honestly felt very honoured. And in typical Brent fashion for avoiding responsibility, I succumbed to saying to him that I felt that the role may be better suited to one of the other guys. A couple of days later, John phoned me and admitted that I was in fact the best of a bad bunch.

I was understandably a little offended at this and I told him that I was certainly not a man that could be bought. So to avoid confrontation, he offered to pay for my suit, hotel room, and offer as much food and wine that I could swallow.”

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*Now I wouldn’t say **John** was an ugly baby, but his mom only had morning sickness after he was born.”*

“My first encounters with John were on the sports field. In fact we were both very competitive in our earlier years. It wasn’t until high school that we became good mates. Our high school years were great years, discovering beer, sports, and developing our tastes for girls. Unfortunately, that’s all I can tell you about those years, as anything I tell you about John also incriminates me.”

“asking Adele’s father for his blessing was the hardest thing John ever did. The setting was the local golf course, where I hear John played his usual game of whiskies, pulls and hooks, missed putts and duff shots... obviously he had a few more important things on his mind! Funny thing is that after Brent asked Stuart for Adele’s hand in marriage, his game blew out and I hear he played almost as bad as Brent was.”

“Now I have always admired John for his ability to be able to take a joke, perhaps not the best example of this is when myself, Kilpy and Dan attended John’s 30th (quite some ago now) and we decided to remove all the labels from all his tinned food (immature I know, it was Kilpys idea), not sure if John was more gutted with our action, or perhaps the next time he went to get some peaches for his ice cream and got baked beans.”

“John was always a high flyer. Destined for great heights. He applied himself at school, and got some really good grades. In fact, he was so dedicated to his studies that I remember one year he sat his end of year exams with the impediment of having his good arm in a cast. I asked him how hard it was writing with such an impediment, to which he relied; “the exams were a breeze compared wiping my ass with my left hand, it can get quite messy, you should give it a go some time.”

*“There have been a few words of kind words and praise that have come from some people that are here sharing in your special day. So I wrote a few of them down. **John** here are a few of the words that have been used to describe you...*

“A great friend” that was my one. Thoughtful, caring, trusting and charismatic... all very kind words... , In fact, I barely found a person that had something bad to say... Although I did find some...

When I heard... “Belligerent, lazy, stubborn and obstinate... I thought, hang on, that’s a bit rough... Maybe not entirely untrue but a bit unnecessary for my speech... But if his parents don’t know him, then who does...”

“I have a couple of messages... this came in from Johns baseball team... dear John and Jane. We’ve been playing with John for a while now, and we’ve tried in him every position... and he’s bloody useless... hopefully you have some better luck.

And this one I received yesterday. John, we wish you all the best with your marriage, Jane is a luck woman to have you, and we will miss you. From the girls at XXX Fantasy Club.”

“I’ve collected a wonderful assortment of advice from your friends and family in the audience here today, and here is a brief selection of what they have to say:

Firstly, to the bride.

Adele:

- 1. The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness, can be trained to do most things*
- 2. The best way to get your Brent to do anything is to suggest that he is too old to do it*
- 3. Never go to bed angry. Stay up and fight.*

John:

*Married life can be compared to football. So be fully committed every week and make sure you score at least once every weekend. Make sure you change ends at half time. Put your tackle into it hard or you might injure yourself. However, **Adele** assures me that playing away from home, will result in a serious injury and will immediately place you on the transfer list.”*

All told, we have 3 pages of content. This is about ten to twelve minutes, maybe more if the audience laughs for long enough during the speech. You can see that I have started to do some arrangement in the way I mixed the different types of body content. This speech is in need of having linking words and a logical order to it, but the hard work is now already done. The rest is just a matter of editing what is there and adding the appropriate linking sentences in and arranging the order to suit my speech style.

If you are struggling for content, then I recommend you purchase the huge repertoire of pre-prepared speeches at www.classicspeeches.com . There you will find a lot of content to help you.

Instruction: Arrange your speech into a logical order, and add linking sentences and words now.

Conclude your speech

Lets have a look at the conclusion of your speech. This can be divided into two parts, some nice advice and warm fuzzies, and the toast.

Here we'll look at rapping up your speech with a nice quote, poem, joke or piece of advice.

Instruction: Copy & paste one of the following into your speech template:

I am sure you will all agree that they really do make a lovely couple and I am sure we speak on behalf of everyone who knows them when we wish them every happiness for the future.

I asked Jane's Mum this morning how it feels to see her daughter get married, and she said "it only seems like yesterday that she was going to bed with her dummy". Funny how history repeats itself.

In conclusion, John you have found someone who is beautiful, kind, considerate, generous and loving. And Jane – you have found, well John.

So to wrap this up, I'd just like to say that marriage is not about finding someone you can live with, it's about finding someone you can't live without.

Here's 'Wishin and Hopin' that John and Jane have the best of times together as Mr and Mrs Smith.

1. Don't leave the toilet seat up 2. Remember birthdays and anniversaries 3. Don't leave the toilet seat up. I know I have mentioned this before, but this gets me into such trouble I thought it worth mentioning again. 4. Buy flowers regularly, but not so often that it becomes suspicious 5. Keep telling Jane those 3 important little words, "you're right dear". 6. Most importantly make sure you get on with your mother-in law. To start with I didn't speak to mine for two years. It wasn't because I didn't like her it's just I thought it was rude to interrupt.

May the best day of the past be the worst day of your future.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be best man today. Thanks again for letting me have the job, and I honestly couldn't wish for a better friend, to be best man for. We've had some great times together, and I know we'll both look back at these times with fond memories.

I would just like to say that we all wish you both, nothing but the best for the future. You are a unique and perfectly matched couple, and I hope all your dreams come true, and that you may have a long and happy life together.

John. It's fair to say that our friendship has aged like a good wine. You are my oldest, dearest friend with whom I've shared many great memories. Gone out on many dates.. hang on. That sounded gay... but I am fortunate to have a friendship as special as yours. and I look forward to creating many more memories together with Adele.

It's been bloody good having John Boffer as a mate over the last 20 yrs, they say that your mates define you and on that I am proud to have you as a mate, and am looking forward to what is going to be a friendship for life, also looking forward to getting to know your children in the near future and grand children a little further down the track.

A friends love says if you ever need something I'll be there. True love says You'll never need anything I'll be there. And that's what makes John and Jane such a great couple. They're truly in love and always there for each other.

John you're my oldest and dearest best friend, and it's been an honour to be your best man today and I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for affording me the privilege. You're incredibly lucky, Jane. is a beautiful girl, with a heart of gold and deserves to have a good husband. Thank god you married her before she found one.

Joking aside... I'm really, really honoured to be here today as John best man. I regard both John and Jane. as the type of Friends that will always be there for you whenever it's needed. And I for one regard their friendship very, very highly as I'm sure your all value their friendship too.

So to wrap up, I'd just like to say, John, thank you for giving me the opportunity to enlighten all you family and friends here today

Webster's defines union as an agreement and conjunction of mind, spirit, will, and affections. When I think of John and Jane marriage, I think of a creation of harmony between their intelligent minds, their indelible spirits, 2 very stubborn people, and last but certainly not least their endless affections.

*T*oast the bride & groom

The final duty as the best man is to toast the bride & groom. This is an important part of the speech, so it is best to be prepared and to at least have memorized this.

I strongly recommend that you are original and do not repeat a toast from other speeches. So you should have at least two toasts pre-prepared and ready to use.

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May you both live as long as you want,
And never want as long as you live.

A toast to love and laughter and happily ever after.

To the happiness, health, wealth and good fortune of the happy couple

May your love be modern enough to service the times and old fashioned enough to last forever.

The most precious possession that a man can have in this world is a woman's heart, and in that, I think you'll agree John has successfully secured the heart of Jane.

All that leaves me to do now is to ask you all to be upstanding and join me in wishing John and Jane all the best as they enter married life together. So please raise your glasses to: 'THE BRIDE AND GROOM'.

I am sure everyone here today would like to wish the new Mr and Mrs Smith good health, happiness and a wonderful life together, The toast is 'John and Jane'

To the Bride & Groom

May your love be as endless as your wedding rings.

May you grow old on one pillow

May their joys be as deep as the ocean And their misfortunes as light as the foam.

Here's to the groom with bride so fair, And here's to the bride with groom so rare!

A toast to the groom - and discretion to his bachelor friends.

A toast to love and laughter and happily ever after.

Congratulations on the termination of your isolation and may I express an appreciation of your determination to end the desperation and frustration which has caused you so much consternation in giving you the inspiration to make a combination to bring an accumulation to the population.

*C*ongratulations. You've now finished your speech.

Now it's time to review, edit and practice your speech.

Before you go, there's a couple of things I'd like to draw your attention to.

If you need extra help with your speech, I recommend you download the best man speech resource pack at classicspeeches.com

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