

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.