

The Mother of the Bride Speech Worksheet

Four questions that turn a blank page into your speech.

You do not need to be a writer. You need to answer four questions honestly, in your own words. Fill this in over a week, not in one sitting. The best lines arrive when you are doing something else, so keep this somewhere you will see it. By the end you will have every piece of a three to four minute speech.

1. Who is she, really?

Not her job or her degrees. The thing that has been true about your daughter since she was small.

Since she was little, my daughter has always been the kind of person who...

One tiny thing she does that proves it:

2. What is the one story?

One moment that shows who she is. The day she helped someone. The time she made you laugh when you needed it.

The moment:

The details that make people believe it (where you were, what you saw or heard, what she said or did, why it stayed with you):

3. How do you welcome her partner?

Skip "we are so happy to welcome you." Say what you have actually noticed.

What I have seen them do for my daughter is...

4. How do you close?

Two sentences. You are toasting their marriage and wishing them well. That is the whole job.

To my daughter and [partner]: may you always...

BEFORE THE DAY

How long?

Three to four minutes, about 400 to 500 words. It looks short on paper and feels like forever at the microphone. Time yourself out loud.

Practice out loud, three times.

Not in your head. First time you find the hard parts, second the rhythm, third your confidence.

You will probably cry, and that is the point.

If tears come, pause, breathe, take a sip of water, and keep going. No apology. The room is on your side.

YOUR SPEECH CHECKLIST

- One true thing about who she is
- One specific story with real details
- A genuine, specific welcome to her partner
- A two-sentence toast
- Read aloud and timed under four minutes
- Practiced out loud at least three times

Got your four answers but not sure how to make them flow?

That is the hard part, and it is exactly what GroomSpeak does. Answer a few questions about your daughter, and it shapes your own words into a speech that sounds like you, not a template. You have already done the thinking. Let GroomSpeak help you say it.

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