

You have the perfect day planned, a beautiful location to be married, a delicious menu planned out, friends and family invited, now you just need to make sure you finish the night in a style that is all your own. Many receptions are the same. Dinner, toasts, clean up, first dance, music for a few hours then the lights go out and everyone goes home.

Not for you. You want your guests to talk about your reception for years to come and we can help with that.

The perfect way to do that is to include fun, entertaining and interactive games. Below are many games you can choose from. With so many choices, it will be hard not to over do it, so use your best judgment. You know your guests best!

How many Kisses?

For this wedding game, you will need bags of Hershey's Kisses, a bucket or box, and the arms of the bride and groom. In this game we've titled, "How Much Love Can You Hold For Me?", the goal is to guess how many Kisses the bride and groom can hold in their hands! This simple game is perfect for a reception of any size.

Round up all the guests who would like to participate in this game. Have the groom dip his hands into a bucket full of Hershey's Kisses to grab as many as he can. With the Kisses still in his hands, the guests must now guess how many Kisses he is holding. As the groom patiently waits and balances all the Kisses still in his hands, have all the guests help in the counting process. The one with the closest guess to the final count will win a prize. Now, it's time for the bride to see how many Kisses she can hold!

Modified version: Have the bride try to pile on as many Kisses as she can onto the groom. She can place them wherever she wants to but he cannot drop them! In this modified version, all the guests can be involved cheering the bride as she piles the Kisses higher and higher onto the groom!

Name that Tune

This is a great game for smaller intimate wedding receptions where many of the guests are familiar with one another. Before the wedding day, create short song clips using favorite tunes enjoyed by the bride and groom.

Round up a group of guests and divide them into two teams. One member from each team will have a "name that tune" face off. First one to recognize the song can shout out the answer.

The winner of each round proceeds to the back of the line and continues to play. Others, less fortunate, sweeten their departure from the game, with a sweet gift of candies wrapped in cellophane. Final winner receives a grand prize!

Kiss me where?

This wedding game is an easy way to get a lot of guests involved with minimal effort from them. All they need to do is peel and stick! Enlarge full body photos of the bride and groom or draw a cartoon version of the married couple. Using stickers with hearts or kisses, number each one and its backing. The goal for the guests: where does the bride and groom want their first kiss as a married couple to be?

Have the newlyweds write their answers down on a secret piece of paper. Encourage guests to approach the photos and place their stickers wherever they please. You can imagine the possibilities of where the kisses may end up, especially given all the choices! The guest whose sticker is closest to the answers from the newlyweds wins a prize.

At the end of all that, make sure to have the bride and groom demonstrate their answers!

Tribute to the Best

Give a little something back to your guests at the wedding reception. This is a fun way to start the evening off and helps to warm up them up for the more interactive wedding games to come as the night progresses.

To celebrate the beginning of your new journey with your husband, why not celebrate the triumphs and 'bests' of your guests? Have your MC announce a "Tribute to the Best"! Give a lavish gift to the couple that has been married the longest (is that not inspiring?), the most loving couple, the most active couple, and any other couples you admire.

Fancy twist: During this segment of the night, why not also pay a special tribute to both sets of parents with a little video montage of their lives?

When is Your Birthday?

This is a simple wedding game aimed to help the bride and groom give away their beautiful centerpieces to the guests.

Have the MC announce that the person at each table with the birthday closest to the bride and groom's wedding day will become the proud owner of the centerpiece at his/her table. Jazz up this game by using birthdays to select your guests for a raffle draw!

Other ideas: Hide a trinket under one chair at each table; place a special sticker under one plate at each table; first person to sing at each table; first person that used the bathroom at each table...and the list goes on, but you get the idea.

Bride or Groom?

This wedding game really helps to liven up the atmosphere at the reception since it requires the participation of the entire wedding party. Guests are sure to love this game.

The women form one team and the men form another. Each receives two signs, one with "BRIDE" and one with "GROOM" written on them. Ensure the signs are large enough for your guests to see clearly.

Have a list of "who" questions such as, "Who do you think will snore the loudest?" or "Who is the neatest?" or "Who will hog the bed?" The entire wedding party raises the applicable sign in answer to the question. Imagine the varying answers you may get!

Choose modest questions that will not embarrass the newly married couple too much in front of close family, co-workers, and young children (especially if they are relatively private people). You know them best!

Can't Touch This!

Inspired by the classic children's game of musical chairs, this wedding game requires guests with quick hands and a rhythm for juggling! You will need to create small bags of candy using cellophane and ribbon (or any other trinket) and an energetic song to mimic the up-tempo pace of this game (The title may give hints to a possible song choice).

Have all the participating guests stand in a circle. The objective: at the sound of the music, guests will have to quickly pass the candy around the circle. When the music stops, everyone stops moving. The person with the candy is eliminated and returns to their seat. Let him/her keep the candy as a sweet token for playing the game. This continues and the last person left receives a prize!

Modified version: if you want to see the game go faster, use a bag of ice!

Feed Me, Feed Me

Marriage is all about teamwork. This hilarious game is perfect for the wedding reception and requires the new bride and groom to communicate and work together as a team.

Begin with the bride sitting in a chair while the groom is blindfolded. Place a piece of banana into his hand and spin him around once. Now, listening only to the directions given by his new bride, he must make his way over to her and feed her the banana!

Once he is successful, switch positions. This time, give the bride a nice juicy piece of wedding cake topped with whipped cream. How well will the groom do in guiding his bride to feed him?

A few notes: since the bride is wearing all that lovely makeup, make sure to give the groom a food item that isn't too messy or it may ruin her look and possibly her wedding dress too. Have the wedding party shadow the bride and groom while they are blindfolded to avoid any accidents.

Guess Who?

This is another wedding game for the reception that aims to place the bride and groom in the spotlight using one very simple prop: a blindfold.

To test how well the groom knows his new bride, have him blindfolded and seated in a chair facing all the reception guests. Now comes the fun part. Round up as many guests as possible, from the young to the old, men and women.

The objective: can the groom figure out which one in the line up is his new bride? In the same version, the groom can shake each guest's hand to find his new wife. Remember to play some fun and upbeat music during this game!

Other possibilities: Have each guest kiss the groom on the cheek; the groom must feel each person's leg (particularly fun if there are a lot of men in the lineup!).

Marriage Advice 101

This is a great game to play at a small wedding reception with close friends and family. Raise the laughometer with this simple yet fun game of "Marriage Advice 101".

Provide guests at each reception table with index cards and pens. Their task: to come up with the best marriage advice they can give for the newlyweds. Read out some of the highlights during the night. Award gifts for "The funniest advice given", "The best advice given", and any other category you can think of.

Shake Shake Shake

Want the bride and groom to lock lips during the reception? Guests will have to do a little moving of their own in this wedding game we call, "Shake Shake Shake".

Create a CD with a variety of fun and upbeat songs (Chicken Dance anyone?). Guests who want to see the newlyweds kiss will have to do a quick boogey on the dance floor! This is a great wedding game to play with a lively group of guests. Children can get involved too!

La La La Love Song

Liven up the wedding reception and get the guests involved! Inspired by the "Shake Shake Shake" game, guests will have to sing a few bars for the bride and groom to kiss.

Determine what songs can be used. You can choose a theme, such as songs that contain the word "love" or songs from the 1980s or have guests sing for a certain amount of time. The point is to have fun and enjoy the entertainment (and to get the bride and groom to kiss, of course)!

Piggy Back

This wedding game requires a strong groom and a spacious hall. Rather than carrying his bride over the threshold of their new home, this bold groom is going to bravely perform a piggyback ride in front of all the reception guests!

Have the Master of Ceremonies (MC) announce this brave feat of strength as he piggybacks his new bride around the reception hall, symbolizing their new journey together as husband and wife. Make sure to have the guests cheer on the groom. Safety comes first, so please prepare accordingly if you plan on using this game!

Another possibility: Tell the groom he must get from point A to point B in the reception hall with his bride but her feet can't touch the floor! This version tests the crafty wits of the groom and will bring just as many laughs from the guests as the original game.

Aloha hula hula

Have your guests doing a lip hip action with this fun and hilarious wedding game! This game is all about making your guests work for that golden kiss from the bride and groom. All you need is a hula hoop and leis for participating guests.

During the reception, have the MC or someone in the wedding party announce a special hip twist to the night's festivities. If anyone would like the newlyweds to kiss, he/she must hula with the hula hoop for 30 seconds! Now you know this game will produce some laughs!

Cherry on a String

Now this is one wedding game for the reception that really aims to put the bride and groom in the spotlight. It receives a "spicy" rating because, well, the newlyweds are really going to have to work during this game!

This game requires one bride, one groom, and one cherry on a string held by a willing member of the wedding party. The goal: using only their mouths, the newlyweds must work together to eat the cherry. Begin by positioning the fruit within close reach of the married couple. Raise and lower the treat to add suspense and much laughter! The game ends when the cherry is gone.

Garter the Gander

The saying goes, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander" and what better way to show this off than with a gender switch on this timeless ritual!

For this wedding game, pre-arrange to have the groom put on the garter (without anyone noticing, of course!). Sometime during the reception, gather all the single men and announce that the garter toss is about to begin.

Have the groom act as though he will be revealing the garter on the bride. Now, flip the switch! Play frisky music as the groom begins to pull up his pant leg and hear the guests roar with laughter! Let the bride slowly take the garter off the groom...and the rest, they say, is history.

Love Line

This wedding game really tests how well the new bride and groom work as a team. The only materials required are a long strand of ribbon (enough to wrap around the groom a few times over) and one clean generic house key.

With the groom standing up, have him hold one end of the ribbon while his groomsmen wrap the rest of it around his body. One groomsman continues to hold the other end of the ribbon while the bride is given the 'key to her groom's heart'.

The object of the game: the groomsman strings the key onto the ribbon and the bride must now move the key around the groom until she reaches the end that is in his hand. The catch: the bride can only use her mouth to move the key!

Key to His Heart

This game takes some planning... requires a Padlock, a short chain, and as many fake padlock keys as you wish. Of course, the bride gets the ACTUAL key. At a pre determined time, put the chain around the grooms neck, have a small bucket of keys and have the ladies "Draw" a key out and see if they "really hold the key to his heart" The bride needs to draw as well, but she should be able to be sneaky and switch it for the real one.

Key to His Apartment

A variation of the Key to his heart. Select as many female friends as you wish and give them each a fake "apartment key". At a pre determined time during dinner, have one lady start the process, and the rest follow suit. The first lady brings up the key, places it on the table in front of the groom and says "I guess I won't be needing this anymore" then returns to her seat. As she returns, more ladies do the same. The more you have involved the better.

Make this as fun and as risqué as you wish, you know your guests the best.

When the last one is done, the bride stands up, waves her key around and rubs in the fact that she gets to keep hers.

Newlywed Game

Just like the classic TV Game show, with a twist!

As guests enter the reception, they are given the opportunity to write down questions for the newlyweds to answer. After the couple has eaten, the MC starts the game. The bride and groom are each given a white board and marker, then separated enough to not be able to see what each other's write, but not too far! (Don't want to put too much between their love!)

The MC picks a question to read and the newlyweds write their answer on the whiteboard, when both are done, they reveal their answer together. If they match, they pick a couple from the guests to kiss, if they are wrong, they kiss.

Leggs Work Together

For this wedding game, you will need one relaxed wedding reception, one hard boiled egg, one daring groom, and one bold bride.

The objective: with patience and concentration, the bride tries to transfer the egg up one leg of the groom's pants and over to the bottom of the other pant leg, all without dropping the egg!

