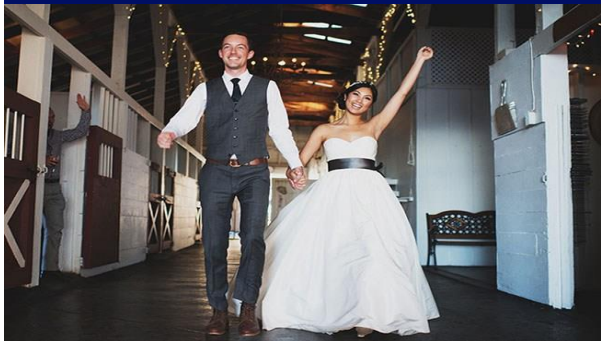


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Some guest can be very conservative. Even though they are sweet, positive people who are truly enjoying the experience of your celebration, it would still take a crowbar to pry them out of their seats to dance. And that's okay. We do not want to force them to do anything they don't want to do.

If you are expecting a conservative group, you will definitely need your DJ or MC to be more interactive in order to get them pumped up. Fortunately, even the conservative groups who are not big on dancing do like to laugh. Playing some fun or silly games will get the giggles flowing. Other outgoing guests also still want the games just because they love them.

Here are a few games that can be a lot of fun and can entertain those who are glued to their chairs. (Weddings Receptions That Rock by Rich Amooi)



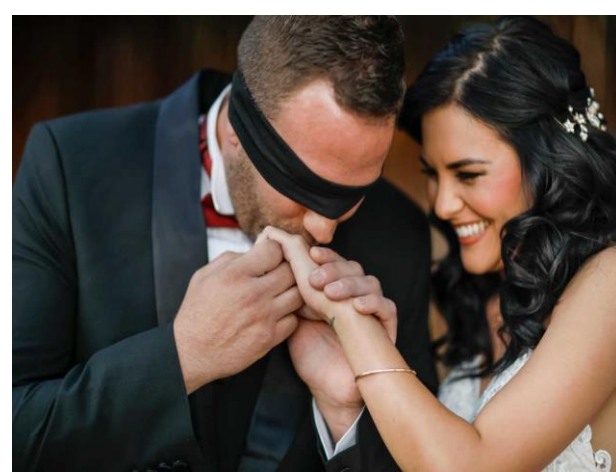
The Shoe Game

The bride and groom sit in chairs on the dance floor, back-to-back. You could use the shoes you are wearing, bring extra shoes, use paddles, or use Barbie and Ken dolls. The MC will ask the bride and groom a series of questions to show the guests how well they know each other. After each question, the bride and/or groom answer by raising their shoe above their head.



Roman Hands & Russian Fingers

For this fun game, the bride needs to be blindfolded. The best man hides three paper clips on the groom's body in hard-to-find places, such as the back of his head, on his belt, or on his shoelaces. At the start of the game, have the best man hold up the paper clips so the guests can see them and have the MC announce that his is going to hide them. The blindfolded bride has to find all three paper clips and the guests let them know by cheering her on.



Which One Is The Bride?

This time the groom is blindfolded. Five female volunteers sit in chairs on the dance floor. The sixth chair is occupied by the bride. The groom is expected to guess who the bride is by feeling the right hand of each of the seated individuals. The MC should be on the dance floor guiding the groom from one person to the next. If the person has rings on the right hand, tell them to remove them. This can also work with feeling feet and calves, or make sure you include a guy with really hairy legs!

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Which One Is The Groom?

Blindfold the bride, and this time have five male volunteers sit in chairs. The bride needs to guess which one is the groom by feeling the face of each guy. If the groom is clean-shaven, make sure you include a guy who has a mustache, goatee, or beard for some great laughs. To make it funnier, you can have the bride also run her hands through the hair of each guy.



Putt For A Kiss

This is a great idea for couples who are big-time sports fans or just want to do something more fun. During the dinner, set up a putting green in the middle of the dance floor. The bride and groom will kiss only when a guest gets a hole-in-one. Have the MC make an announcement at the beginning of the dinner saying that clinking glasses is not allowed. Only a putt hole-in-one will result in a kiss.



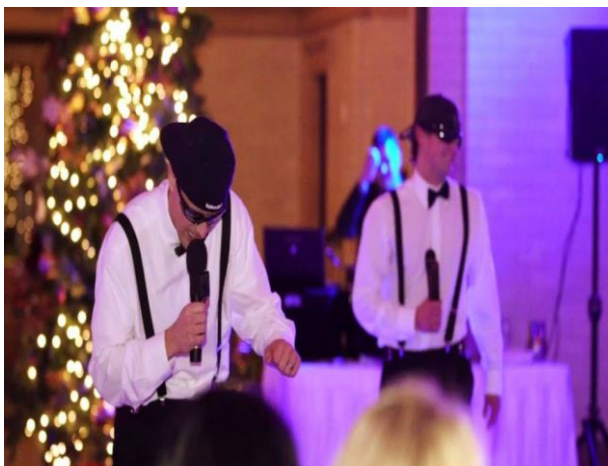
Sing, Sing A Song

This one creates a lot of energy and can be really enjoyable. It is done not individually, but by table. If the guests want you to kiss, the entire table has to stand up and sing a verse or a couple of lines from a popular song with the word "love" in the title or lyrics. Make sure the DJ is paying attention during the dinner because if he sees a table standing up to sing, he needs to fade out the background music temporarily.



Video/Slideshow

Videos and slideshows can be a lot of fun, especially when cute child photos are included. The ideal length is eight to ten minutes, and showing toward the end of dinner or while the guests are eating cake. Another option is to run it on a loop during dinner. The video or slideshow can be shown on a video screen, or on flat screen TV's connected to the DJ's totems.



Have Someone Perform A Song

If you have a musically talented friend, perhaps he or she could perform a song at your reception. Or maybe you, yourself, are a musician and/or a singer. Take a moment towards the end of the meal, or maybe after the cake cutting, to perform a song. Make sure to arrange with your MC ahead of time any special needs for amplifying your instruments or for needed songs.



Sorority Song For The Bride

If you, the bride, are or were a member of a college sorority, and it is traditional for your sorority sisters to serenade you with a special song at your reception, work with your MC to place it into your agenda. This event can serve as a great lead-in for the bouquet toss.

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Choreographed Dance Routine

The bride and bridesmaids can rehearse a choreographed dance routine from a musical like Grease, and then even have the groom and his groomsmen to put on their own routine in response – let the men's routine be a surprise to the ladies' routine. When you provide some of the entertainment yourselves in an unexpected and creative way, your guests will get even more excited about helping you celebrate.



The Toilet Paper Race

This is a silly game that makes a big mess in an effort to determine whether the bride or groom will be the one who will 'call the shots.' Your best man and maid/matron of honor are instructed to each place their index fingers into a roll of toilet paper as the bride and groom are challenged to unravel their roll the fastest. The guests will cheer them on as toilet paper goes flying everywhere.



Let's Get Ready To Rumble

What are your favorite sports, pastimes, hobbies, or other competitive activities? Pick one that fits the two of you and have your MC call you out for a face-off. Some couples have challenged each other to competitions involving the video games Guitar Hero or Dance Dance Revolution, grocery bagging, or a balloon stomp.



The Match Game

The bride and groom are seated in front of the head table with their wedding party members seated behind the table. The bride and groom will each be given a small dry-erase board and a dry-erase marker. Their wedding party members will be given large index cards with large Sharpie markers. The MC will read aloud a sentence with a 'blank' word missing such as, 'I hate it when your mother walks in on us while we are _____ on the couch.' Everyone writes down their answers. Then the MC will have each bridesmaid and groomsman hold up their answers. The one with the most matches wins.



The Family Unity Candle

Consider providing for a family unity candle to be set up on your head table. Ask your MC to inform your guests about the symbolism of the family unity candle – that when your guests first arrived they were two separate families. But now that you are married, they will be celebrating together as one big happy family. The MC will then invite someone to represent both families by coming up and lighting the outer candles. The guests will then be instructed about their role. When the bride and groom make their grand entrance, and after the applause is dying down, they will take the outside lit candles and light the center candle representing unity of both families into one. At that moment, everyone will begin to applaud and cheer to show their support.



Photo Booth

Wedding photo booths are part and parcel of a great atmosphere. They help to create stunning images in an effortless way. They are even a fun and interesting way to record the guests and their wishes to the happy couple. And they break the ice and provide many laughs throughout the day.

While you are photographing the atmosphere and the essential shots that make up the wedding album, guests are free to let themselves go wild in front of the photo booth.

Nothing breaks the ice at a wedding quite like a photo booth. A fun backdrop, a few blush-inducing props and in no time you'll have friends and family mingling in front of the camera. We have a large glowing cube booth with an iPhone shaped machine, a variety of backdrops to choose from, and loads of fun and crazy props! Specialized props for your occasion is also an option.

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SHOE GAME

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- Who said "I love you" first?
- Who mentioned marriage first?
- Who makes all the decisions?
- Who is the messiest?
- Who spends more money?
- Who is the best kisser?
- Who is grumpier in the morning?
- Who does most of the cooking?
- Who is the better driver?
- Who cleans more?
- Who made the first move?
- Who is more anal?
- Who is a bed hog?
- Who is always running late?
- Who is the biggest baby when they get sick?
- Who holds their alcohol better?
- Who has eh best taste in decorating?
- Who has the best taste in music?
- Who is the first to say "I'm, sorry"?
- Who was the first person to "pass gas" out loud in front of the other?
- Who spends more time in front of the mirror?
- Who's more likely to run a red light?
- Who snores the loudest?
- Who is always right?

You may also choose to have the guests to ask some questions for more humor, if you believe they will remain appropriate.



ALSO CONSIDER PROPS FOR THE DANCE FLOOR DURING OPEN DANCE TIME!

IT IS A GREAT IDEA TO BOOST UP THE FUN ON THE DANCE FLOOR BY HAVING GIANT GLOW WANTS, GLASSES, AND OTHER PROPS DURING THE OPEN DANCE TIME!

While planning the fun during the Reception, keep in mind that you want to choose the perfect amount of activities. If you choose too little, then the excitement can fuzz out. If you choose too much, you may not have enough time to fit it all in, and it can become overwhelming. We will help you craft the most exciting reception when we meet in person...you will have the time of your life!

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