ENGAGEMENT PARTY HOST PACK

Games, Signs & Toast Cards

6 crowd games • 12 toast prompt cards • welcome, photo & food signs
Date-night idea jar • 2-week planning timeline

For: _____ & _____

Party date: _____

Print at home or at a local print shop on US Letter / A4.
Card stock recommended for cards and signs.

How To Use This Pack

Print one game sheet and one Mad-Libs card per guest (plus 5 extras), signs once each, and one set of toast cards and idea-jar cards to cut apart. Keep answer keys separate and face-down. You will also need: pens for every guest, a jar or box for the idea cards, and 12 plastic toy rings for the Ring Hunt.

Suggested flow: arrivals and Idea Jar (open all night) - Game 1 quiz - food - toasts - Game 2 as a whole group - Ring Hunt deadline - Game 5 at tables - Game 6 read-aloud - announce winners and present the Idea Jar to the couple.

Planning Timeline - 2 Weeks Out

14 days before: Confirm guest list; set date, time, venue; send invitations with address, parking and RSVP contact; ask the couple about allergies and off-limit topics; decide menu style; reserve rentals (tables, chairs, speaker).

10 days before: Print this pack; buy non-perishables, plates, cups, napkins; buy pens, idea jar, and 12 toy rings; make a 2-3 hour playlist; test speaker and camera.

7 days before: Confirm RSVPs; finalize menu and grocery list; give Toast Prompt Cards to 2 planned speakers now; plan room layout: food, drinks, games, photo spot, cards/gifts.

3 days before: Shop for perishables; prep make-ahead food; cut apart toast and jar cards; bundle game sheets with pens; label a cards/gifts box.

Day before: Set up tables and photo spot; hang Welcome and Photo signs; chill drinks and make ice; hide the 12 rings and check them off (Game 4); set out the Idea Jar.

Party day, -2 hrs: Finish food prep (cold food last); set out Food and Drinks signs; start playlist low; light candles; designate a photographer for the first hour.

After the party: Give the couple the Idea Jar, Mad-Libs cards, quiz sheets and collected cards/gifts; send photos within 48 hours; return rentals; handle leftovers.

Game 1 - How Well Do You Know the Couple?

Circle one answer per question. Most correct wins. The couple's answers are official - no arguing with the couple!

1. Where did the couple first meet? A. At work B. Through friends C. A dating app D. School / church / community event

2. Who said 'I love you' first? A. Partner 1 B. Partner 2 C. Same time D. Neither remembers

3. What was their first date? A. Dinner B. Coffee C. A movie D. Outdoors / an activity

4. Who is the better cook? A. Partner 1 B. Partner 2 C. Both D. Neither - takeout is the plan

5. Most-watched type of show? A. Comedy B. Drama C. Action / thriller D. Reality / competition

6. Who takes longer to get ready? A. Partner 1 B. Partner 2 C. About the same D. Both are early

7. Where did the proposal happen? A. At home B. On a trip C. A restaurant / special place D. A meaningful early-dating place

8. Who is more likely to forget an anniversary? A. Partner 1 B. Partner 2 C. Neither D. Both equally

9. Go-to takeout style? A. Pizza B. Mexican C. Asian / sushi D. Burgers / American

10. Who controls the music in the car? A. Partner 1 B. Partner 2 C. They take turns D. The driver

11. Someday plans - closest answer? A. None planned B. Pets only C. Kids only D. Kids and pets

12. Who cried (or would cry) first retelling the proposal? A. Partner 1 B. Partner 2 C. Both D. Neither - all laughs

13. Dream honeymoon style? A. Beach / relax B. City / sightseeing C. Mountains / adventure D. Staycation / road trip

14. Planner vs. go-with-the-flow? A. Partner 1 plans B. Partner 2 plans C. Both plan D. Neither - chaos is the plan

15. Friends describe them in one word as: A. Sweet B. Funny C. Adventurous D. Solid / steady

Scoring: 13-15 Basically family. 9-12 True friend status. 5-8 You showed up - that counts. 0-4 Here for the cake, and we respect it.

Name: _____ Score: _____ / 15

Game 1 - Answer Key (HOST ONLY)

Ask the couple before the party and fill this in. Keep it face-down.

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____

9. ____ 10. ____ 11. ____ 12. ____ 13. ____ 14. ____ 15. ____

Tie-breaker: 'How many days have the couple known each other?' Closest guess wins. Answer: _____ days.

Couple's proposal story (2-3 sentences, for reading aloud):

_____

_____

Game 5 - Answer Key (HOST ONLY)

1. Boy meets girl, then coffee, then they fall in love.
2. Dating app: swipe / match, chat, first dinner date.
3. Rainy day, drive home, movie and popcorn night in.
4. Graduation, a tearful goodbye, long-distance calls, fly home, love wins.
5. Two dogs bring their owners together on a walk, then conversation, then coffee.
6. After work, a candlelit dinner, the big question - a proposal.
7. Sunset by the water, down on one knee, the question, a ring - yes!
8. Beach sunset, a kiss, an engagement.
9. A Christmas gift surprise - a ring - happy tears.
10. First home together: keys, moving boxes, a cat, then family life begins.

Accept any answer that captures the story. Funniest wrong answer gets an honorable mention.

Game 2 - Would They Rather?

Host reads each pair aloud. Guests hold up ONE finger for A, TWO for B - guessing what the couple would choose together. Match the couple, get a point. Ask the couple in advance, or let them answer live and defend their choices.

1. A. Cook at home / B. Go out to eat
2. A. Beach vacation / B. Mountain cabin
3. A. Movie night in / B. Concert or live event out
4. A. Early morning start / B. Sleep in every time
5. A. Big wedding / B. Small, intimate wedding
6. A. Dogs / B. Cats (first shared pet)
7. A. Game night with friends / B. Quiet night, just the two of them
8. A. Road trip, no plan / B. Every stop planned
9. A. Live in the city / B. Small town / country
10. A. Fancy anniversary dinner / B. Recreate their first date
11. A. Always 10 minutes early / B. Always an extra hour of sleep
12. A. Karaoke duet in public / B. Dance-off in public
13. A. Give up coffee / tea / B. Give up dessert
14. A. Host every holiday / B. Always be the guests
15. A. Relive their first date / B. Peek at their 25th anniversary

Name: _____ Matches: _____ / 15 (12+ = you know them as a unit)

Game 3 - Date-Night Idea Jar Cards

Cut apart. Set out with a jar or box and pens. Guests write a date idea and drop it in. Present the full jar to the couple at the end of the night: 'Your first year of date nights, planned by the people who love you.' Table sign for the jar: DATE-NIGHT IDEA JAR - Write a date they have to try in their first year. Funny is welcome. Expensive is not required. Sign your name so they know who to blame.

STARTER 1: Recreate your first date - same place, same order if you can.

STARTER 2: Cook a meal together from a cuisine neither of you has ever made.

STARTER 3: Sunrise picnic - coffee, pastries, no phones.

STARTER 4: Bookstore challenge: pick a book for each other, read chapter one together that night.

STARTER 5: Drive somewhere new within 30 minutes of home. No reviews allowed - just go.

STARTER 6: Living-room campout: blankets, movie marathon, snacks for dinner.

STARTER 7: Take a beginner class together - pottery, dance, cooking, anything with a teacher.

STARTER 8: Farmers market morning: buy only things you have never tried before.

STARTER 9: Stargazing with a constellation guide and hot chocolate.

STARTER 10: Volunteer together for one morning, then brunch.

STARTER 11: Photo walk: 10 photos each of the other person's favorite things in town.

STARTER 12: Dessert first: order dessert before dinner, at two different places.

My date-night idea for you: _____
_____
Love, _____

My date-night idea for you: _____
_____
Love, _____

My date-night idea for you: _____
_____
Love, _____

My date-night idea for you: _____
_____
Love, _____

Game 4 - Ring Hunt

You need: 12 plastic toy rings, this checklist, one small prize.

Setup: Hide all 12 rings where guests can find them WITHOUT moving furniture, opening closed drawers or closets, or entering off-limits rooms. Good spots: bookshelf edge, inside a clean empty mug, taped under a chair seat, on a plant leaf, beside the photo sign, on a doorknob, in the ice-bucket handle, on a picture-frame corner, in the napkin stack, on the cake-server handle, behind the Welcome sign, on a coat hook. Note each spot below as you hide it.

Announce: 'Twelve rings are hidden in [name the areas]. Find one, bring it to me, and your name goes on the score sheet. Most rings by [time] wins. No opening drawers, no moving furniture, no taking rings already claimed. Kids and adults play together - good luck!'

Safety: Name off-limits rooms first. Avoid spots near hot food, candles, or breakables. Retrieve unfound rings before guests leave with small children or pets.

Hiding Checklist & Score Sheet (Host Only)

1. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
2. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
3. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
4. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
5. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
6. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
7. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
8. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
9. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
10. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
11. Spot: _____ Found by: _____
12. Spot: _____ Found by: _____

Winner: _____ Rings found: _____

Game 5 - Emoji Love-Story Decode

Each line tells a love story in pictures. On the party printout the pictures are emojis; in this PDF they are shown as bracketed picture-words so every printer renders them cleanly - read each bracket as one emoji. Write what each line says. Most correct wins.

1. [BOY] + [GIRL] -> [COFFEE] -> [HEART]

It says: _____

2. [PHONE] -> [HEART] -> [CHAT] -> [DINNER PLATE]

It says: _____

3. [RAIN] -> [CAR] -> [HOUSE] -> [MOVIE] + [POPCORN]

It says: _____

4. [GRAD CAP] -> [WAVE] + [TEAR] -> [PLANE] -> [PHONE] [PHONE] [PHONE] -> [PLANE] -> [HOUSE] -> [HEART]

It says: _____

5. [DOG] + [DOG] -> [WALK] + [WALK] -> [CHAT] -> [COFFEE]

It says: _____

6. [BRIEFCASE] -> [DINNER] + [CANDLE] -> [QUESTION MARK] + [RING]

It says: _____

7. [SUNSET] + [WATER] -> [ON ONE KNEE] -> [QUESTION MARK] + [RING] -> [YES!] + [SMILE]

It says: _____

8. [BEACH] + [SUNSET] -> [KISS] -> [RING]

It says: _____

9. [CHRISTMAS TREE] + [GIFT] -> [SURPRISE!] -> [RING] -> [HAPPY TEARS]

It says: _____

10. [HOUSE] + [KEY] -> [BOXES] + [BOXES] -> [CAT] -> [FAMILY]

It says: _____

Name: _____ Score: _____ / 10

Game 6 - Advice Mad-Libs Card

One per guest. Fill in the blanks WITHOUT reading the whole card first - a partner can ask you for each word type. Cards are read aloud to the couple at wind-down (with their permission).

MARRIAGE ADVICE, MAD-LIBS STYLE

Dear _____ and _____ *(couple's names)*,

Congratulations on your _____ *(adjective)* engagement! Here is my best advice: always _____ *(verb)* before you _____ *(verb)*, and never go to bed _____ *(adjective)*.

When times get _____ *(adjective)*, remember to _____ *(verb)* each other like you did when you were _____ *(verb ending in -ing)* for the first time.

The secret to a happy marriage is plenty of _____ *(plural noun)*, a good _____ *(noun)*, and always letting _____ *(one partner's name)* win at _____ *(game or activity)*.

On your anniversary, celebrate by _____ *(verb ending in -ing)* at _____ *(place)* and eating _____ *(food)*.

I give this advice a _____ *(number)* out of 10 for wisdom, and I sign it proudly,

Love, _____ *(your name)* - the _____ *(adjective)* guest at this party.

Toast Prompt Cards (12) - Cut Apart

Hand one to anyone who wants to toast but does not know where to start, or draw at random for brave volunteers. **Ground rules:** Under 2 minutes. Kind beats clever. No ex stories, no inside jokes nobody else gets, no surprises the couple would not want shared. End by raising a glass and saying their names.

1. THE FIRST MEETING
Open: 'I knew something had changed when...' Middle: The first time you saw them together. Close: 'To noticing early - and being right.'

2. THE FUNNY FLAW
Open: 'Let me tell you about [name]'s one flaw...' Middle: A loving, gentle funny story (keep it kind). Close: '...and [partner] loves them anyway. That is how you know.'

3. THE THANK-YOU TOAST
Open: 'Thank you for...' Middle: Something specific this couple has done for you. Close: 'May we all get to repay it, one favor at a time.'

4. THE STORY ONLY YOU KNOW
Open: 'Not many people know this, but...' Middle: A short, shareable story only you can tell. Close: 'Now everyone knows. To the two of you.'

5. THE ADVICE TOAST
Open: 'My one piece of marriage advice is...' Middle: One real, one funny - in that order. Close: 'Follow the first one. The second will happen anyway.'

6. THE FAMILY WELCOME
Open: 'Today our family gets bigger...' Middle: Welcome the new member by name, with one thing you admire. Close: 'Welcome home.'

Toast Prompt Cards (continued)

7. THE LONG FRIENDSHIP
Open: 'I have known [name] since...' Middle: One sentence per era: then, in between, and now. Close: 'Best version yet. To both of you.'

8. THE QUOTE TOAST
Open: Read a favorite short quote about love or marriage. Middle: One sentence on why it fits THIS couple. Close: Repeat the quote's last line as the toast.

9. THE GROUP TOAST (for shy speakers)
Open: 'Raise your glass if...' Middle: '...you have been fed by this couple, laughed with them, or been helped by them.' Close: (Everyone drinks.) 'That is the toast.'

10. THE FUTURE TOAST
Open: 'In fifty years, I hope...' Middle: Picture them old together - one sweet detail, one funny detail. Close: 'To the next fifty.'

11. THE SHORT & SWEET
Whole toast (30 seconds): 'To [name] and [name]: you make each other better, and you make the rest of us happier. We love you.' Done.

12. THE SONG LYRIC TOAST
Open: Quote one clean line from 'their song.' Middle: 'That line is them because...' Close: 'Play it at the wedding. To the couple!'

WELCOME

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to the Engagement Party for

_____ & _____

Date: _____

We are so glad you are here!
Come in, grab a drink, write a date-night idea,
and help us celebrate.

TAKE THE PHOTO

Snap it. Share it. Tag the couple.

 # _____

Props are on the table - group photos encouraged,
bad angles forgiven.

EAT, PLEASE

Everything here is for you -
come back for seconds.

Allergies? Ask the host - an ingredient list is handy.
Save room: dessert is coming.

DRINKS

**Help yourself - water, lemonade,
and more in the cooler.**

Please drink responsibly, and plan a safe ride home.
Write your name on your cup - markers are right there.

CARDS & GIFTS

Thank you! Please leave cards and gifts here.

The couple will open them after the party - your love note is the gift too.

Printing Notes

Game sheets and Mad-Libs: regular paper, 1 per guest + extras. Cards, jar cards and signs: card stock if available, 1 set, cut apart. Answer keys: print separately and keep face-down with the host. Fill in the couple's names and party date on the signs before printing, or write them in with a bold marker after printing.

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