

**ceremony**['seriməni] *n*

1. церемония; торжество  
graduation ceremony - выпускной акт
2. формальности этикет; церемониал  
without ceremony - запросто, без церемоний  
to stand on ceremony - а) церемониться, держаться чопорно; б) строго соблюдать этикет
3. пустая формальность
4. *мк. sing* обряд; ритуал  
wedding /marriage/ ceremony - обряд бракосочетания
5. *узм.* священные предметы; обрядовые принадлежности

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**ceremony** [ceremony ceremonies] *BrE* ['seriməni] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* ['serəməʊni] <sup>ⓘ</sup>**noun** (pl. **ceremonies**)

1. **countable** a public or religious occasion that includes a series of formal or traditional actions
  - an awards/opening ceremony
  - a wedding/marriage ceremony
2. **uncountable** formal behaviour, traditional actions and words used on particular formal occasions
  - The royal guests were welcomed with pomp and ceremony.

**see also** ↑master of ceremonies| **idioms** ↑stand on ceremony ▪ ↑without ceremonyWord Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **ceremonie** or Latin **caerimonia** 'religious worship', (plural) 'ritual observances'.Thesaurus:**ceremony** **noun** **C**

• They were married in a simple ceremony.

**ritual** • • **rite** • • **service** • • **sacrament** • • **liturgy** •**at** a ceremony/ritual/rite/service**a religious** ceremony/ritual/rite/service**a/an ancient/primitive/traditional/pagan** ceremony/ritual/rite**perform** a ceremony/ritual/riteCollocations:**Marriage and divorce***Romance***fall/be** (madly/deeply/hopelessly) **in love** (with sb)**be/believe** **in/fall** in love at first sight**be/find** true love/the love of your life**suffer (from)** (the pains/pangs of) unrequited love**have/feel/show/express** great/deep/genuine affection for sb/sth**meet/marry** your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend**have/go on** a (blind) date**be going out with/ (especially NAmE) dating** a guy/girl/boy/man/woman**move in with/live with** your boyfriend/girlfriend/partner*Weddings***get/be** engaged/married/divorced**arrange/plan** a wedding**have** a big wedding/a honeymoon/a happy marriage**have/enter** into an arranged marriage**call off/cancel/postpone** your wedding**invite sb to/go to/attend** a wedding/a wedding ceremony/a wedding reception**conduct/perform** a wedding ceremony**exchange** rings/wedding vows/marriage vows**congratulate/toast/raise a glass to** the happy couple**be/go on** honeymoon (with your wife/husband)**celebrate** your first (wedding) anniversary*Separation and divorce***be unfaithful to/ (informal) cheat on** your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend**have** an affair (with sb)**break off/end** an engagement/a relationship**break up with/split up with/ (informal) dump** your boyfriend/girlfriend**separate from/be separated from/leave /divorce** your husband/wife**annul/dissolve** a marriage**apply for/ask for/go through/get** a divorce**get/gain/be awarded /have/lose** custody of the children**pay alimony/child support** (to your ex-wife/husband)

## Example Bank:

- I won't stand on ceremony.
- I was done quickly and without ceremony.
- Many dignitaries were present at the ceremony.
- She was buried with great ceremony in the Abbey.
- The marriage ceremony was performed by the bishop.
- They were married in a simple ceremony.
- With due ceremony, he took the oath to become president.
- Without ceremony, the woman slammed the door shut in my face.
- a same-sex commitment ceremony
- a special ceremony to mark the end of the war
- an official ceremony to welcome the new director
- the Japanese tea ceremony
- the guest of honour at the ceremony
- the opening ceremony of the Olympic games
- the pomp and ceremony of a royal wedding
- an awards ceremony

## ceremony

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**cer** | **er** | **mo** | **ny** /'serəməni, 'serɪməni \$ -məuni/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** (plural **ceremonies**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: cerymonie, from Latin caerimonia]

1. **[countable]** an important social or religious event, when a traditional set of actions is performed in a formal way ⇒ **ceremonial** :  
• a wedding ceremony  
• the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games
  2. **[uncountable]** the special actions and formal words traditionally used on particular occasions:  
• The queen was crowned with due ceremony.
  3. **without ceremony** in a very informal way, without politeness:  
• He wished me good luck in the future and left without further ceremony.
- ⇒ **not stand on ceremony** at ↑stand<sup>1</sup>(42)
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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **hold a ceremony** A ceremony was held in Berlin to mark the occasion.
- **attend a ceremony** I attended the ceremony at the cathedral.
- **be present at a ceremony** The French ambassador was present at the ceremony.
- **perform/conduct a ceremony** The Bishop of Louisiana performed the ceremony.
- **a ceremony takes place** The ceremony took place on 13th June at 2: 30.
- **a ceremony marks something** a ceremony marking the beginning of adulthood

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + ceremony

- **a religious ceremony** Did you have a religious ceremony when you got married?
- **a wedding/marriage ceremony** I was a beautiful wedding ceremony.
- **a civil ceremony** (=a wedding ceremony that is not a religious one) They married in a registrar's office, in a civil ceremony.
- **a special ceremony** The winners will receive their awards at a special ceremony in London.
- **a short/brief ceremony** He became acting president in a brief ceremony yesterday.
- **a simple ceremony** The gymnasium was opened in a simple ceremony on 26th May.
- **a grand/elaborate ceremony** The inhabitants of the town organized a grand ceremony to mark the occasion.
- **a solemn ceremony** (=a very serious one) There was a solemn ceremony in an ancient Roman church.
- **a traditional ceremony** The tribe still practise many of their traditional ceremonies.
- **an opening/closing ceremony** (=at the beginning or end of a special event) I stayed for the closing ceremony.
- **an unveiling ceremony** (=to show the public something new, for example a work of art) He attended the statue's unveiling ceremony.
- **an awards ceremony** (=to give people prizes for good achievements) the annual television awards ceremony
- **a prize-giving ceremony** (=to give people prizes for good achievements at school or college) A prize-giving ceremony will take place tomorrow night at the university.
- **a graduation ceremony** (=when you get your university degree) His proud parents attended his graduation ceremony.
- **an inauguration ceremony** (=when someone becomes President, Chancellor etc) I was the nation's 53rd inauguration ceremony.
- **a swearing-in ceremony** (=in which someone starting a public job promises to do it well) the presidential swearing-in ceremony
- **a coronation ceremony** (=in which someone becomes the new king or queen) Queen Elizabeth's coronation ceremony took place in 1953.
- **a funeral ceremony** Funeral ceremonies have been held since ancient times.
- **an initiation ceremony** (=in which someone officially becomes an adult, a member of a group etc) tribal initiation ceremonies
- **a naming ceremony** (=to name a baby, without a religious service) Many people opt for a naming ceremony rather than a christening.
- **the tea ceremony** (=a traditional ceremony in Japan for preparing and serving tea) I visited Japan's leading school for teaching the tea ceremony.

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