THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO

CRAFTING THE PERFECT *Wedding Vows*



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Writing Vows

Take Some Space

01

Take some time to sit down with a pen and paper or a voice recorder and spend a few minutes allowing yourself to write/speak freely about your partner and see what themes or ideas come up. This can be a great building block to then craft the specifics of what you want to say.

Attributes

02

Think think about why it is that you have decided to marry your partner. What do you love most about them?

Memories

03

Recount fond memories from your relationship. Feel free to bring your own flare to this expression. Having a little personality, authenticity, even a little humour (if it feels like you) is something that can really add to a ceremony.

Your Turn

04

Take some time to think about what it is that you intend to bring to the marriage and what choices or promises you are choosing to make to your partner.

Surprise or Not?

05

Many couples choose to surprise one another with their vows on the day, whilst others like to share an intimate moment together prior to the wedding to share their words for the first time. Discuss this with your partner to decide what feels most loving and comfortable for you. There is no right way to do it!

Questionnaire

Answer these questions to get the inspiration flowing for your vows.

- What do you love about your partner?
- What was it about your partner that you fell in love with/ when did you know they were the person you wanted to marry?
- What are some of the things that they do to make your life richer? (e.g. leave little notes, absolute cheerleader for you, make you feel safe, fun)
- What are some of the things that you are most looking forward to in your marriage with your partner?
- What are some of the promises / choices you are wanting to make to your partner? (e.g. support, encourage them in their goals, give them a buddy in finishing the m'n'm packet. *These things can be a combination of both heartfelt and light*).

Template

Try inserting your answers from above into this simple vow template

{Name} **ever since the day** (insert a memorable moment) **I knew** (something to the effect of: "*you were the one I wanted to marry*").

I love the way you ...[Attributes you love]

Every time you...[Things they do to make your life richer]

I can't wait to ... [things you are excited to do as a married couple]

Today I choose you to be my {husband/wife/life partner}. **I choose/promise to** ...[include heartfelt and fun choices/promises you are making to them here].

{Name} **I love you with my whole heart. You are my person and I feel like the luckiest man/woman/person in the world to call you my wife/husband.**

Vow Delivery

Go SLOW!

Often when it comes to the vows, couples feel nervous and begin to rush. Make a point of slowing down so that your words have time to land with your partner and have more impact

Tip: Write 'Slow Down' at the top of the page so that you remember to speak more slowly in the moment.

Eye Contact

As you are reading your vows to your partner, remember to look up and look them in the eye. It's ok if it takes you a moment to find your place again. Eye contact adds meaning and feeling to your words.

Tip: Practice your vows in the mirror prior to your wedding day. After the most meaningful phrases, be sure to look up as if you are looking your partner in the eye.

Pause

Pausing can feel uncomfortable but it is essential to great delivery. It allows each phrase to have it's 'moment' and gives your listeners time to take in your message. So, take a breath, look your partner in the eye and add in a few pauses.

Tip: As you practice your vows, identify where one idea ends and the next idea starts. Add a / to your paper to remind you to pause in that moment. Count to three and continue.

Mean It!

As the nerves kick in, it's so easy to just read the words off the page and with this, meaning is lost. Take a breath and allow the words to 'hit' you so that you really mean them as you say them.

Tip: As you practice, go through slowly and allow yourself to feel and picture the meaning of each section as you say it. By feeling it in rehearsal, you are storing that feeling for the actual moment so that even if nerves are present, the stored feeling can come through.

Practice! Practice! Practice!

The absolute key to great vow delivery is to practice. Practicing will make you feel more confident on the day!

Ceremony Checklist

Make sure that every detail is covered with this simple checklist

- [ ] Marriage Licence Organised and Delivered
- [ ] Documentation to make the marriage legal ready to go
- [ ] Speaker System Organised
- [ ] Celebrant has all the information needed to craft a beautiful ceremony (including all ‘housekeeping’ information).
- [ ] Music sorted including cues for when to start and stop songs
- [ ] Vows Written and Practiced
- [ ] Rings (who is bringing them?)
- [ ] Readings and Rituals selected (these are optional extras to make the ceremony heartfelt
- [ ] Witnesses selected

GET IN TOUCH



Congratulations on your engagement! I hope that you found this short booklet for writing your vows helpful.

If you would like to learn more about my **celebrant** offering, please click here to book in a free, no-obligation Zoom call to look at how we can make your ceremony as beautiful as you imagine it to be.

Alternatively you can call me on 027 330 4951

After our chat, if I can't offer exactly what you are looking for, I'll point you in the right direction.

All the best with writing your vows and planning your big day,

Jane x