

# Tips to Writing your own Wedding Vows

1. Firstly, decide what you would like to call each other during the ceremony.... Husbands? Wives? Partners for Life? Spouses?
2. Next, decide if you are you going to write your own separate vows or both say the same thing? If you decide to do separate vows join them up with a shared sentence at the end of each, that you both will say. Something along the lines of "I Sarah, accept you, Rebecca, as my wife; or "Chris, I look forward to a rich and loving life with you as my Life partner".
3. Things that you love. Write down 10 things you love about your partner. Things that they do, personality traits, ways they behave....
4. Promises. Write down what you bring to the relationship. What do you promise to do / be? Faithful? Supportive? There for your partner through the good and the bad?
5. Read what each other has written for steps 3 and 4. Highlight any similarities and things you like that the other has written.
6. Whether writing the vows individually or as a couple look at your lists and pick out a couple of promises that are particularly special to you and four or five things that you love.
7. Time frame. Presumably, you are promising to be with your love one for the rest of your life, so don't forget to add this to the vow. "As long as we both shall live" is the traditional version, but you could choose to say "For the rest of our lives" or refer to your "Partner forevermore".
8. The final important step once your vows are written is to read them aloud. Do they flow off your tongue. Do they have feeling? Read to a friend and ask for their honest opinion. Once you are happy with the words prepare to say them on the day, a beautiful gift to your loved one!

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