



10 Tips For Writing Your Wedding Vows

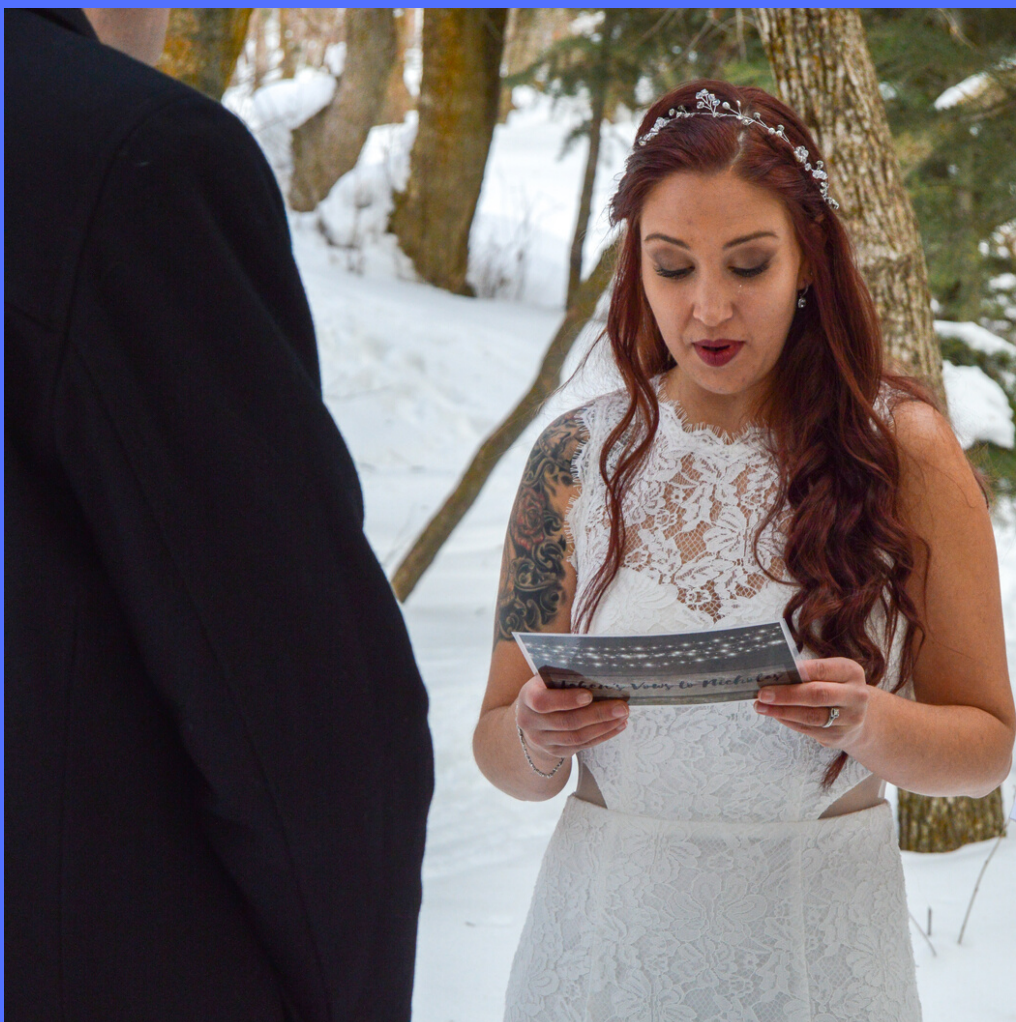
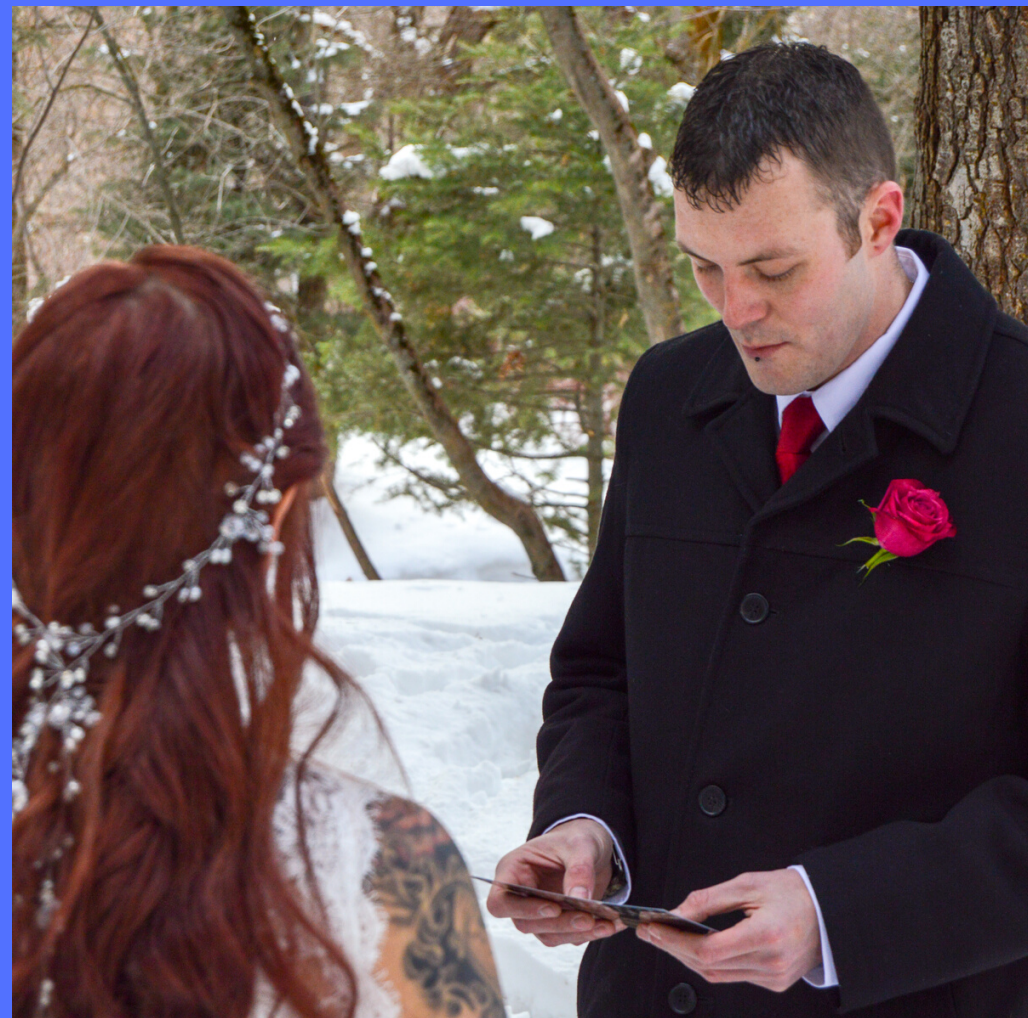


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TIP #1

PLAN AHEAD



CARVE OUT ENOUGH TIME TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE YOUR VOWS WITHOUT FEELING RUSHED. SOME COUPLES FIND IT BEST TO BEGIN WRITING THEIR VOWS APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH BEFORE THEIR CEREMONY.

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TIP #2

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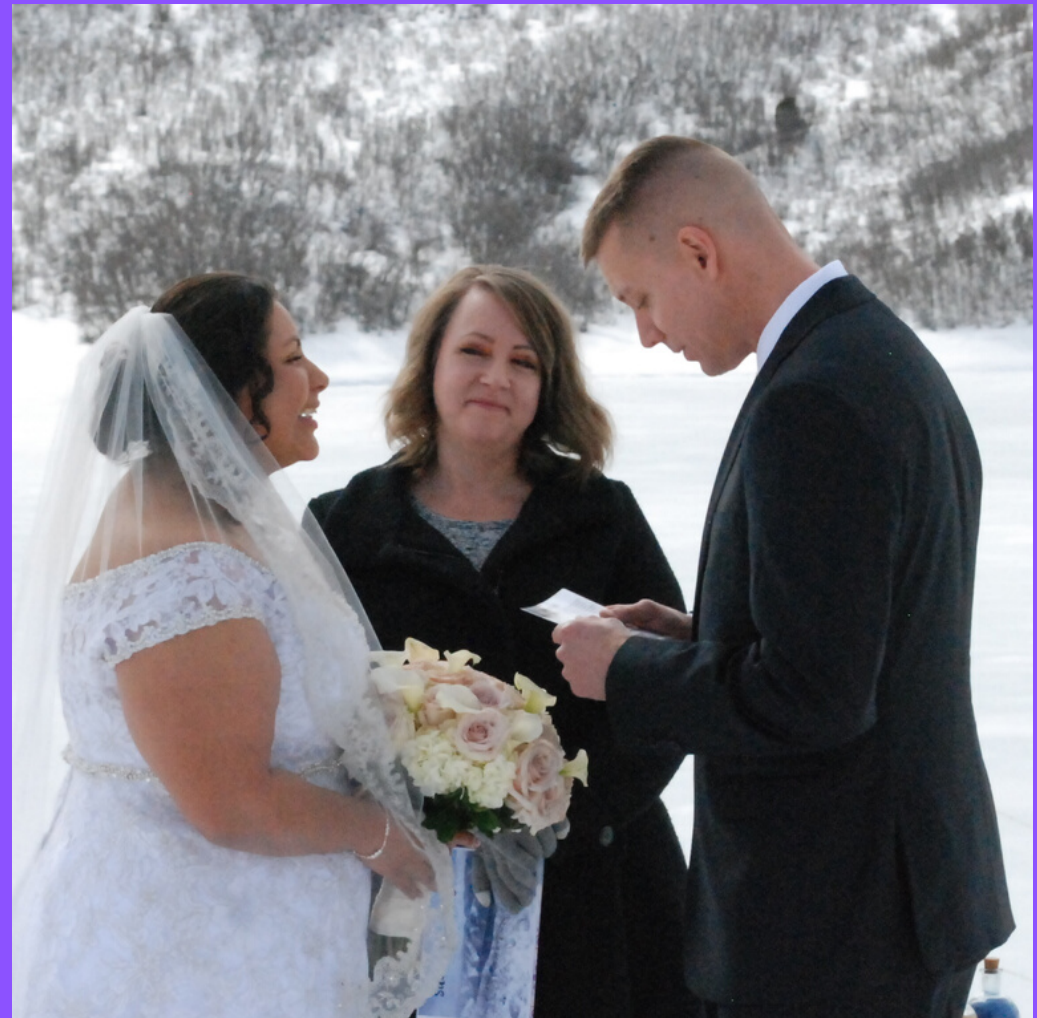
TALK ABOUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF YOU AND THE TONE YOU WANT YOUR VOWS TO CARRY. EVEN IF YOUR VOWS ARE A SURPRISE, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO COME TOGETHER AFTER YOU'VE WRITTEN THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU BOTH AGREE ON THE LENGTH AND FORMAT.

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TIP #3

WRITE SEPARATELY



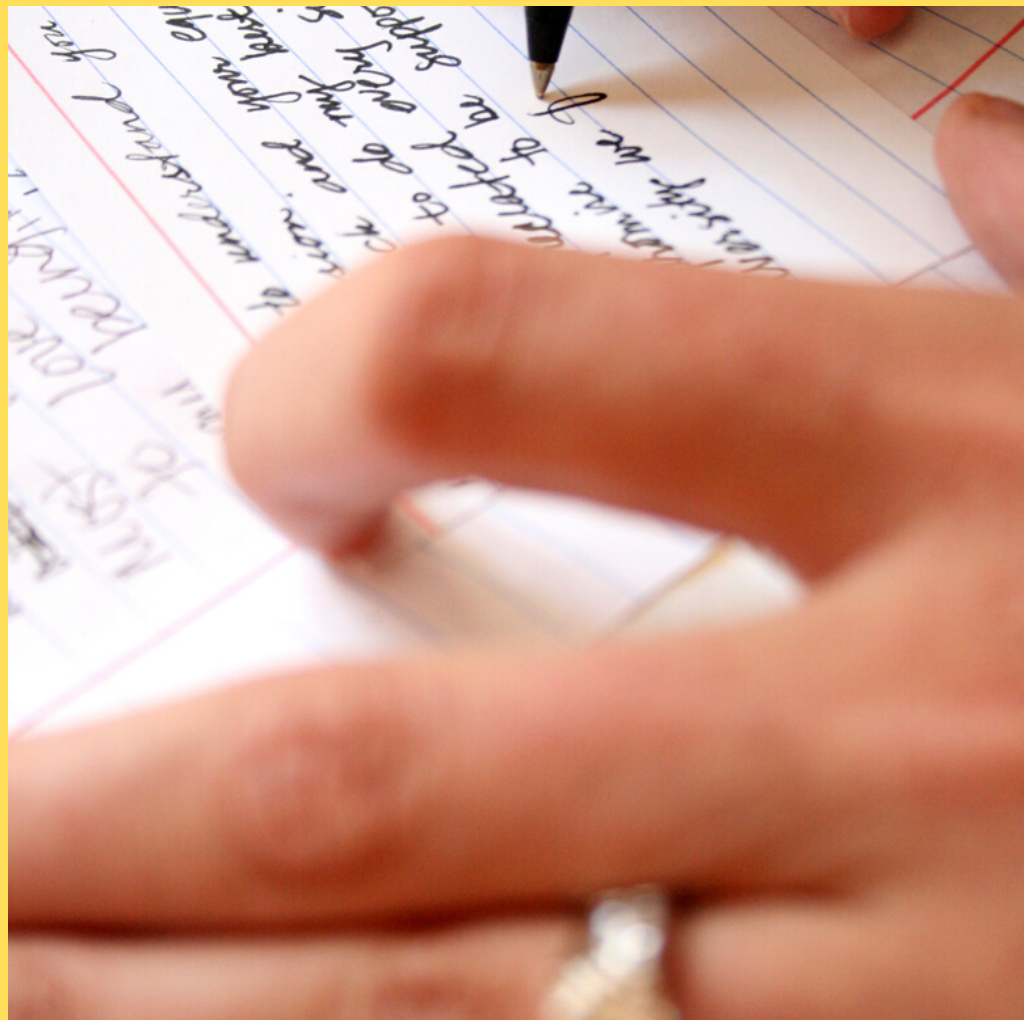
EVEN IF YOU PLAN TO READ YOUR VOWS TO EACH OTHER PRIOR TO THE WEDDING, IT IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO BEGIN WRITING THEM INDEPENDENTLY. THIS PREVENTS YOU FROM INFLUENCING EACH OTHER'S WORDS.

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TIP #4

LOOK FOR INSPIRATION



YOU CAN USE A VARIETY OF SOURCES TO GUIDE YOU. CONSULT MOVIES, BOOKS, OTHER COUPLE'S VOWS, QUOTES, ETC. DRAW OFF OTHERS TO HELP GIVE YOU INSPIRATION. LET YOUR HEART LEAD THE WAY.

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TIP #5

REMEMBER THE BASICS



THINK ABOUT WHAT MARRIAGE MEANS TO YOU, WHY YOU ARE SAYING YES TO YOUR PARTNER, AND WHAT PROMISES YOU ARE MAKING TO THEM. VOWS ARE MEANT TO SIGNIFY THE PROMISES YOU ARE MAKING TO YOUR PARTNER.

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TIP #6 BE CONSIDERATE



WHILE YOUR CEREMONY IS ABOUT YOU, VOWS CAN BE TOO LONG. IT'S RECOMMENDED THAT YOU KEEP YOUR VOWS TO 1-3 MINUTES. IF YOU HAVE A LOT TO SAY, CONSIDER WRITING YOUR PARTNER A LETTER THAT CAN BE GIVEN BEFORE OR AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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TIP #7
STAY TRUE
TO YOU



DON'T FEEL PRESSURED TO BE FORMAL OR TO STICK TO A FORMAT THAT DOESN'T FIT YOUR PERSONALITY. SPEAK FROM THE HEART. YOUR VOWS ARE ALL ABOUT YOU & YOUR PARTNER, SO DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO DO SOMETHING THAT FEELS UNNATURAL.

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TIP #8

PRACTICE



PRACTICE READING YOUR VOWS OUT LOUD PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY. NOT ONLY WILL THIS HELP YOU GAIN CONFIDENCE AND REDUCE ANXIETY, BUT IT WILL ALSO HELP YOU HEAR THE WORDS OUT LOUD AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY EDITS.

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TIP #9 GIVE IT TIME



MANY COUPLES FIND THEMSELVES OBSESSING OVER THEIR VOWS. AFTER YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR FIRST DRAFT, WALK AWAY! GIVE YOURSELF A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOU REVIEW YOUR VOWS, EDIT, AND PRACTICE THEM AGAIN.

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TIP #10 GET HELP



IF YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME WRITING YOUR VOWS, GET HELP. YOU MAY WANT TO TALK WITH YOUR PARTNER, REVISIT PAST TIPS, TALK WITH YOUR FRIENDS, OR CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL. COUPLES WHO CHOOSE TO WORK WITH ME HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO HELP.