

WEDDING VOWS WORKSHEET

DECIDE ON THE LENGTH AND TONE OF YOUR VOWS

Do you want your vows to be funny, romantic, religious, or completely unique? Either way, we recommend that your vows last for one to two minutes.

TIPS FOR FUNNY VOWS

Make sure you include things that family and friends know about, so they're "in" on the jokes.

This isn't a stand-up routine or a roast, so keep it lighthearted.

TIPS FOR ROMANTIC VOWS

Include 1-3 personal, unique promises.

Avoid cliches, and don't include anything too personal or romantic.

TIPS FOR SENTIMENTAL VOWS

Tell a couple anecdotes that showcase your love.

Practice in front of a few friends a couple times to make sure you can keep it together.

BRAINSTORM

Read sample vows and poetry that you can borrow lines from. Incorporate song lyrics or movie quotes that are meaningful to your relationship. **Collect personal sentiments by jotting down answers to the following questions:**

Top Three Memories:

Where did you meet?

What drew you to them?

How do you compliment them?

How do they make you better?

Three Promises to them:

When did you know they were the one?

How do you see your future together?

What do you miss most about them when they're gone?

Other thoughts:

THE THREE TIERS TO ORGANIZING MEMORABLE VOWS

Good vows, like a good story, have a beginning, middle, and end. An outline for your vows might look something like:

1

Begin with some background details on how you met or when you knew you were in love.

2

Declare Your Love. Tell your partner how much you love them, how they have changed your life, and why they are important to you. Use this time to talk about what makes your relationship unique.

3

End with what you're looking forward to most and promises for your future. Traditionally, this is when brides and grooms promise to "love, honor, and cherish" one another, but this is where you can get creative and include your own promises.

FINAL TIPS BEFORE THE BIG DAY

Edit and Rewrite: Write multiple drafts

Don't expect perfection on the first draft, or even the fifth. Give yourself plenty of time to write and edit your vows.

Practice: Read your vows out loud

Try practicing in front of close friends, family, or a mirror. Once you perfect your delivery, you will be as confident as possible and ready for your big day. When it's time, look your partner in the eyes and speak from your heart.

Be prepared: Have Multiple Copies

Have a copy of your vows in your pocket and also give one to your Best Man or Maid of Honor, just in case you misplace yours.