

VOWS

Are you freaking out about writing your VOWS?? Read on... and... don't worry its easier than you think!



What are vows??

Good question... here is the dictionary meaning:

Vow

(noun)

‘A solemn promise’

In practice there are ‘legal vows’ within your ceremony that **MUST** be said by each of you and then personalised vows which are 100% optional.

Legal Vows:

I call upon everyone here to witness that I Caitlyn Jayne Scott, take you, Brett Charles Davey, to be my lawful wedded husband.

Vows (traditionally) are promises. They are not stories of how you met, or what you love about each other, they are promises which form a foundation for your marriage. Your personalised vows can be however what ever you like—containing what ever you like... funny, heartfelt, stories, promises— my personal opinion is a mix is always great.

TIP ONE

Sit down with your lover!

It is a good idea, before getting swept up in writing, to sit down with your lover and decide a basic structure for your vows. It can sound pretty stupid on the day when one person's vows go for 5 minutes and the other for 5 seconds.

If you go through these questions, you can make a bit of a plan, of how you want to attack your vows!

1. Do you want to write your own vows? (Not all couples do, and that is completely okay)
2. Do you want to share your vows with each other before your wedding day? Or do you want a surprise?
3. How long is too long? and how short is too short?
4. Do you want to set a word limit? (This is the one of the best ideas, eg: 200 words)
5. Do you want to have a certain structure to your vows?

TIP TWO:

- Look back at your 'Let me get to know you form' you completed for me... you will find that its so much easier to tell someone else about your feelings (eg: me)... than the person you are about to marry.
- Specifically look at the '**personal bits and pieces section**'... these are the things that can be included in your vows.
- If you have lost this... let me know and I can send to you :)

TIP THREE:

- Your vows can be quiet simple and straight from the heart– **don't overthink it is my best advice.**

Try and finish these sentences....

- You are.....
- Because of you I am/I feel.....
- I can't wait to.....
- Thank you for.....

TIP FOUR:

- Still drawing some blanks... Never fear!

Go through the following words, phrases/sentences and highlight anything that appeals and emulates your relationship and we can build from there.

I promise to listen to you, learn from you, support you and accept your support.

I will celebrate your triumphs and mourn your losses as if they were my own.

I love you unconditionally and without hesitation.

I promise to love you, encourage you, inspire you, trust you and most importantly respect you.

As a family, we will create a home filled with learning, laughter and compassion.

I promise to work with you to build a relationship of equality, knowing that together we will build a life far better than either of us could image alone.

I will care for you, stand beside you and share with you all of life's adversities, adventures and joys from this day forward and for the rest of our lives.

I choose you to be my husband/wife/spouse.

I accept you as you are and offer myself in return

I promise to laugh with you in times of joy and comfort you in times of sorrow.

You are my best friend, my biggest advocate and I will love you till my final days.

I will share in your dreams and support you as you strive to achieve your goals.

I will listen to you with compassion and understanding and speak to you with encouragement.

I promise to laugh with you, cry with you and grow wrinkles with you.

Life is just better when we do it together.

I promise to support your dreams and respect and accept our differences.

I love you and I promise to walk beside you for the rest of my days.

I promise to always be your biggest fan and your partner in crime.

I promise to create and support a family with you, to build a home filled with love, laughter, patience and understanding.

I want you to be nobody other than yourself!

I love what I know of you, and trust what things I will discover.

I will respect you as a person, a partner, a lover and an equal.

I marry you today with no hesitation, no doubt and a commitment that is absolute.

I promise to choose you everyday.

I promise to laugh with you, cry with you, and create with you.

Today I choose you. I choose your laugh, I choose your tears. I choose you.

So now is time... Start writing... if you need further inspo read these vows written by previous awesome couples!

You are so open and honest with me, so I've decided I will go first... these are the real vows I wrote, to my husband Brett for our wedding day.

Brett, on this day, I am proud to say that you will be my husband. I promise to respect, support and encourage you in everything that you do. I promise to continue loving, supporting and protecting Belle as if she was my own; she may not have my eyes or smile but from the very first moment she had my heart.

I love how generous and thoughtful you are. Every morning you bring me a coffee and after hundreds of mornings, I still smile every time.

Brett, you are my best friend, my ally and I want to be by your side for the rest of my days. I love you.

And these are Brett's vows to me

CJ, on this day I am proud to call you my wife. Over the last 4 years I have experienced your never-ending tenacity, to achieve the best for our relationship and Isabella's upbringing, most of it goes unnoticed.

I promise to support you in any situation that arises, and love you to my final days. I vow to make my life forever yours and build my dreams around you.

Sarah, I have known for a very long time, that you are the only one for me and today I am so proud to be able to call you my wife.

I promise to respect and support you, to be patient, to be loving and most importantly kind. I promise to believe in you always and continue working on our relationship for the rest of my life.

You are my best friend, my biggest advocate and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. I love you.

Jakob, after 7 fantastic years I am so happy to be able to call you my husband. Right from the start we just fit, we are such a good team and I can't think of anyone better to share my life with.

I promise I will love you through the good times and most importantly the bad times. I will try and be understanding, forgiving and to trust in you completely. Together we will face all of life's experiences and share one another's goals and dreams.

I will love you today, tomorrow and for the rest of my days.

Toni, you are my best friend, my biggest supporter and today I give myself to you in marriage.

I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you and to comfort you through the difficult times. Most importantly, to give you a pillow when your sleeping on the toilet floor.

I promise to let you win the occasional argument, even when I'm right and I promise to not spend all of our savings on buggies.

I promise to love you in the good times and bad, when life seems easy and when it seem hard, when our love is simple, and when it is an effort. I promise to cherish you and our relationship for as long as we both shall live.

These things I give you today, tomorrow and for the rest of my days. I love you.

Aaron, after almost a decade of loving you and choosing you every day; today I am forever yours. Our love started young but we have grown together through trials and triumphs and I am a better person for knowing you.

I promise to work on our marriage and always make you the priority in my life. I will be open and honest with you and not ask you to be more than you are.

I promise to be forever young at heart and continue to include adventure in our lives. If I'm ever upset with you, I promise to make sure I'm not just hangry.

Aaron, you are my second-best friend, my biggest fan and I can't wait to continue my dash with you.

Gavin, I love you. You have brought such joy and endless challenges to my life.

Thank you for loving me as I am and taking me into your heart. I promise to walk by your side forever and to love, help, and encourage you in all that you do.

I will take the time to talk to you, to listen to you and your rants and to care for you. Through all the changes of our lives, I will be there for you as strength in need, a comfort in sorrow, a support in difficulty, and a companion in joy.

Everything I am and everything I have is yours. This is my promise to you as we live and share our lives together.

Tyson, ever since our paths crossed 5 years ago

You have surprised me, distracted me and captivated me.

You have challenged me in a way, that no other human being has.

You love all of me and who I am including the annoying things I do, Thank you.!

I have fallen in love with you again and again over the years, countless times, without reservation and I still can't believe that today I am marrying my best friend...

I promise to be true to you as a partner and a friend, to frustrate and challenge you, and share with you my whole self as we take our journey together, but above all else make sure I'm not just yelling at you because I'm hangry.

I believe in the truth of what we are, and I will love you always, with every beat of my heart... I love you