

***Writing your own vows might seem scary, but it’s easier than you think.***

***Grab a pen and jot down what springs to mind when you ask yourself these questions.***

* When did you know this was "the person for you"?
* How does your partner make you feel?
* What impact does your partner have on your life?
* What personality traits does your partner have that compliments yours?
* What do you work the most on in your relationship?
* Has your partner changed your life? How?
* What do you love most about your partner?
* Why do you think your relationship works so well?
* What are your hopes for the future?

**Still struggling? Here’s some different types of example vows for inspiration.**

**Civil Vows**

***If you have a ceremony with a registrar, these are the vows you will be asked to repeat to cement your legal marriage.***

I declare that I know of no legal reason why I (your name) may not be joined in marriage to (your partner's name).

I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I (your full name) do take thee (your partner's full name) to be my lawful wedded wife/husband.

 *Traditional church vows :*

Do you take [name] to be Your husband,

to have and to hold from this day forward for

better or for worse,

for richer or for poorer,

in sickness and in health,

to love and to cherish until death do

you part

 How about adding in a little bit of humour?

I promise to always leave the

lights on in the bathroom

I promise to mysteriously take

three hours to make a simple omelet

I pledge to listen to your advice,

and occasionally take it

I pledge to never take score...

even if I'm totally winning

I believe there is no time or place I'm more

content than when you're close

Because of this and so, so much more...

I believe that I will always love you

How about mixing sweet with hints of funny?

I promise to forget to stack the dishes on the

right and leave stagnant water in the sink

I promise to always drive the speed limit,

even on the freeway

I promise to cuss loudly at video games

I vow to snuggle you as often as possible

I vow to make you really really laugh out loud

I vow to always try one bite

of any meal you create

I vow to be the best parts of me that fit

perfectly with the best parts of you

Although I will be imperfect,

I pledge to be sensitive and

respectful of your unique talents,

abilities and quirks

I pledge to lend you strength

for all of your dreams

Together we can accomplish

more than we could alone

I love you

Or Keep it Simple

I promise to love you, always.

***Take inspiration from your favourite movie or tv show***

“I vow to help you love life, to always hold you

with tenderness and to have the patience that love

demands, to speak when words are needed and to

share the silence when they are not, to agree to

disagree on red velvet cake, and to live within

the warmth of your heart and always call it home.”

“I vow to fiercely love you in all your forms, now

and forever. I promise to never forget that this

is a once in a lifetime love. And to always know

in the deepest part of my soul that no matter what

challenges might carry us apart, we will always

find our way back to each other"

"We promise to love each other even when we hate

each other. No running ever. Take care when old,

senile and smelly. And it's forever"

"So it’s not going to be easy. It’s going to be

really hard. And we are going to have to work at

this everyday. But I want to do that because I

want you. I want all of you, forever, everyday"

**SOME FINAL WORDS OF ADVICE**

Your vows shouldn't be something you worry about and stress over. But if you're struggling to think of something to say in front of all those guests, then my advice is this.

Keep It Simple

 Tell them why you are standing there, committing to a life together, and add in an I love you.

Keep It Real - Don't over complicate it, or get all emotional if that's not you. Your vows should

be said in your normal tone of voice, and be in line with your personality, after all, that's part

of the reason your partner chose you!

Avoid in jokes - As much as you two find something funny your whole family will hear these vows and you don't want awkward silences instead of laughter.

Practice makes perfect! Once you've written the vows read them a few times aloud so you don't stumble on the words during the big day!

And finally... Relax and have fun with them! It's only words.

If you’re still struggling with putting pen to paper then drop me a message to arrange a one to one chat and I’ll happily help you to create truly your meaningful vows.