

# Vows Writing Checklist

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- Make a Plan
  - Make sure your officiant will accept personalized vows.
  - Decide with your fiancée whether you are going to write the vows together or not.
  - Decide if you are going to show them to each other before the ceremony.
  - Establish a structure that you both stick to.
  - Pick a length and stick to it.
- Writing the Vows
  - Find inspiration.
  - Make sure that you have plenty of quiet time to work on your vows.
  - Keep the words positive and personal.
  - Stick to the happy memories.
  - Avoid talking about the bad times.
  - Express your exact feelings about the person you are about to marry.
  - Don't be afraid to use words from a song or movie that are special to you and your partner.
  - Once written, read your vows aloud to make sure the language flows well.
  - Practice reading it on your own, several times to make sure you are comfortable with it.