

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.