



Hey there guys,

It's time to get real about what this marriage actually means to you!
So regarding your vows, here's some of my opinion on how to write personal, specific vows:

** Firstly, you both must say the following words to each other at any point within your vows as part of the legal requirements of Australian marriage.

(It seems most people like to get it out of the way first and then move on to their personal words.)
Legally required: "I call upon the people here present to witness that I, (at least two legal names), take you, (at least two legal names), to be my lawful wedded wife/husband/spouse."

Now, ask yourself 3 questions:

1. What do you love?
2. What's changed?
3. What do you promise?

1/. Firstly, what is it about that person that really stands out?
What made you fall in love with them?
What do you love about them, about your relationship?
What are their best assets, quirks, traits?

2/. Secondly, think about how things have changed having that person in your life.
How is life better? How are you better?
Has your lifestyle changed, your personality, your outlook, your beliefs, your direction?

3/. Lastly and most importantly:
What do you actually want to promise to your partner? Real promises.
You are standing up in front of everyone dear to you to promise and commit to what?
What does this marriage mean to you personally? What is your version?
What are the promises that you will commit to, to make this marriage a success?
What are the things that you want to tell this person that you will strive to do or be?

If you think about these three angles, it will hopefully help you to create some amazing vows.
You might like to include something light-hearted or even funny about each other.

It's a good idea to discuss the type and length of your vows with your partner before getting into it, just so that you know you'll be closer to being on the same page as one another.
Feel free to send them both on to me if you like and I will make sure they 'match' and give honest feedback if appropriate.
Some couples prefer to write their vows together and help one another, but be aware that this often reduces the amount to specifics and makes it more 'general'.
Some may say just a few of the same lines, maybe open and close with the same line and keep the rest specific to that person.
You have lots of options.

What do you call each other? A nickname perhaps? Maybe include that too.

Arrange some quiet time and sit yourself in front of a blank screen and just jot a whole bunch of random ideas as they come to you. Anything!
Once you have roughly a full page of thoughts, go back over your list and pick out the best points you have come up with. Voilà! You have your vows.





Remember, it's not about the grammar or being poetic, the point is what you are saying to the most important person in your world. It's about the meaning behind them. Some of the best vows are the most honest, real and personal, not those with the best punctuation and fancy words.

But if you want to make it really simple, maybe use some sentences like these:

I love that you do....
And that you are....
I love about you.
My favourite part of you is your.....
I feel when you

Everyone thinks that you are..... and I think that you are

You make me laugh when you.....
I love when we together.
I love you because

Since I met you I have become more....
And I've learned to.....
Plus you've made me feel so....
You've prevented me from

You've helped me see that.....

I promise that I will always try to be....
I commit to being.... for you
I will always do my very best to support your

I promise to do 'a particular job' for you as I know that you hate it
When you I will be there.
I will do my best to help you achieve your goal of.....
I know that you love your 'hobby/job/project/passion' and I will commit to helping you with that by.....
I promise never to.....
I want us to always.....
To me, marriage is and I promise to be that for you.

Do you get the idea that I'm going with there?
Use some of these lines or think up some similar ones.
Make it personal, use **specific** things about each other.
Make it so no one else can use your vows.
Don't feel like you have to write big fancy sentences with big fancy words.

Keep it simple.
Keep it real.

Make it sound like it's come from you.

Please let me know if you need a hand with any of this!
All the best, talk soon, have a good one!!
Matt.

(Make sure you both send them to me at a similar time at least a month before your wedding so that I can compare them and give you feedback! We can make these awesome).

