

Before We Say “I Do” Conversation Sampler

You're welcome to try this abbreviated conversation out with your partner. Here's what you do. Read the opening part outloud. Then write responses for each of the prompts. When you're both done writing, come together, hold hands, and share your responses. You'll find that this two step process of Step 1) preparing for the conversation then Step 2) having the conversation makes it easy to have a really good talk.

Step 1. Introduction *(he reads outloud)*

This first conversation will be an enjoyable and important time to speak words of appreciation and love to each other as you prepare for marriage. You will also be given time to think and talk about the meaning of the vows you will say to each other on your wedding day.

Step 2. Preparing for the Conversation *(she reads outloud)*

Continue by completing the conversation. **Note: You each will need your own copy of this conversation so that you can write your responses, either on your personal device or by printing paper copies and writing with a pen or pencil.** After you are done writing, save your document, wait until your partner has finished writing, then hold hands, sit close and begin to take turns sharing your responses.

(NOTE: These are just a few of the statements from the first conversation of the course.)

1. When we first met, one thing that impressed me about you was...

And I remember thinking that you were...

2. Some of your best qualities include...

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3. To say that I appreciate you means that I appreciate the way you...

4. When we are married, I'm especially looking forward to...

When you are both finished writing, save the document to your computer or device, and then, find a place where you can sit close. Hold hands, and beginning with # 1, take turns sharing your responses. **Special Note:** In this first conversation there is a whole section that invites you to write in your own words what some of the phrases in the traditional wedding vows mean to you. If you are interested in writing your personal wedding vows, this section will be of great help as you reorganize and combine some of your statements to create your vows.