

Before We Say “I Do” Conversation Sampler

You're welcome to try this 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 *(one reads the introduction out loud)*

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. Prayer *(the other reads the prayer)*

Dear God of love, thank you for giving us the love we have for each other. Bless and guide us on this journey as we prepare for marriage. Help us to express our love each day in the way we choose, help, esteem and know each other. Please prepare us for our wedding day when we will speak our promises to each other and begin the journey of marriage. Amen.

Step 3. Preparing for the Conversation *(write separately)*

Continue by completing the conversation. **Note: You will each 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 take turns sharing your responses.

(NOTE: These are just a few of the statements on this page.)

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.