

This is our big question
for the year:

What is special to me and
the people in my
community?

LO: To understand what vows are and the meaning behind vows or promises made in a wedding ceremony.

SC:

I can explain why people say marriage vows.

I can express my opinions and beliefs, and give reasons for them.



SHARE

Well done for sharing everything you found out about weddings in your family - we loved seeing it on Class Dojo



Today we are going to look at **VOWS.**

Vows are promises or oaths.

At a wedding ceremony, vows are made by the couple. The vows are often to each other and sometimes to God.



Wedding vows often take the form of a formal promise.
A typical example of Catholic wedding vow is-



I take you for you my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

While traditional Hindu wedding ceremonies have no formal vows, they have Seven Steps, or promises, the couple make to each other.

An example of a step is-



Let us take the fifth step so that we are blessed with strong, virtuous and heroic children.

While in traditional Jewish wedding ceremonies, is it assumed the vow (to be married) is made once the groom places the ring on the bride's finger.



In traditional Islamic wedding ceremonies, the Imam speaks about the vows and couple's responsibilities to each other. Though couple who want to says vows often recite-



I offer you myself in accordance with the instructions of the Holy Quran and the Holy prophet, peace and blessing be upon him.

Protestant Wedding Vows

- "I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded husband/wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I pledge thee my faith [or] pledge myself to you."
- Catholic Wedding Vows
- "I, _____, take you, _____, for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part."

Which of the vows do you think are important?

Muslim Wedding Vows

Bride: "I, _____, offer you myself in marriage in accordance with the instructions of the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet, peace and blessing be upon him. I pledge, in honesty and with sincerity, to be for you an obedient and faithful wife." Groom: "I pledge, in honesty and sincerity, to be for you a faithful and helpful husband."

Hindu Wedding Vows (Seven Steps)

- "Let us take the first step to provide for our household a nourishing and pure diet, avoiding those foods injurious to healthy living.
- "Let us take the second step to develop physical, mental and spiritual powers.
- "Let us take the third step to increase our wealth by righteous means and proper use.
- "Let us take the fourth step to acquire knowledge, happiness and harmony by mutual love and trust.
- "Let us take the fifth step so that we are blessed with strong, virtuous and heroic children.
- "Let us take the sixth step for self-restraint and longevity.
- "Finally, let us take the seventh step and be true companions and remain lifelong partners by this wedlock."

Nondenominational Wedding Vows

"I, _____, take you, _____, to be no other than yourself. Loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know, I will respect your integrity and have faith in your abiding love for me, through all our years, and in all that life may bring us."

Activity

Remember, a vow is simply a promise.

Select three vows you think are important in your own words from the slide before, or make your own up and decorate them as three small images.

