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Your *love story.*

A little guide to a ceremony that's wonderfully, unmistakably you.

WEDDING CELEBRANT

BEFORE WE BEGIN

Every couple has a love story. *No one else's is quite like yours.*

As your celebrant, one of my greatest privileges is getting to know the two people standing in front of me: what brought you together, and what makes your relationship so special.

My aim is a ceremony that doesn't just celebrate your marriage, but tells the story of why you're choosing each other. One that makes your guests smile, perhaps laugh out loud or shed a happy tear, and leaves you both thinking, "That was *so* us!"

To help me create that, I'd love you to share a little of your journey together. There are no right or wrong answers, no word limits, and certainly no need to write beautifully. That's my job!

Tell me your stories in your own words. Be honest, be funny, be sentimental. It's often the smallest details that make the most magical moments.

HOW TO FILL IT IN

It's so much easier (and more fun!) on a computer, so grab a cuppa, sit down together and enjoy it. Type straight into the boxes using Adobe Acrobat Reader or Apple Preview (not a web browser), then save and send it back. Please don't use Google Docs, as I can't access them. The boxes scroll, so write as much as you like.

On your phone? Install the free Adobe Acrobat Reader app. On iPhone, open the guide, tap Share, then Acrobat. On Android, tap Open on the download, then choose Acrobat. Tap any box to start typing.

PARTNER 1 · YOUR NAME

PARTNER 2 · YOUR NAME

TWO VOICES

Where a chapter says **you each answer**, write your answers separately. Those different perspectives often create the most memorable parts of a ceremony.

CHAPTER I

YOU EACH ANSWER

Where *it all began*

Every great love story has a beginning.

01 How, when and where did you first meet?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

02 Who noticed whom first? And who made the first move?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

03 What were your first impressions of each other? Be honest!

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

YOU EACH ANSWER

Where *it all began* CONTINUED

04 Tell me about your first date. Where did you go? What happened? Any awkward or funny moments?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

05 When did you realise this person was different from anyone else?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

06 Who said "I love you" first? How did it happen?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

A LITTLE INSPIRATION

Sometimes a great story begins with a chance encounter, a dating app, a mutual friend, or two people who initially couldn't stand each other! Don't leave out those little details.

YOU EACH ANSWER

Falling *in love*

Somewhere along the way, two separate lives became one shared adventure.

01 What first attracted you to each other?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

02 What made you fall in love?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

03 What is your favourite memory from your early days together?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

YOU EACH ANSWER

Falling *in love* CONTINUED

04 What have been your greatest adventures as a couple?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

05 Have you faced a challenge that brought you closer together? Only share what you're comfortable with.

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

06 When did you first imagine spending the rest of your lives together?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

A LITTLE INSPIRATION

Rather than simply saying "we love travelling", tell me about the holiday when everything went wrong, but you laughed your way through it together. Those are the stories that bring a ceremony to life.

YOU EACH ANSWER

The *proposal*

The moment your next chapter officially began.

01 Who proposed, and when and where did it happen?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

02 Was it a complete surprise, or had someone guessed?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

03 How was the proposal planned?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

YOU EACH ANSWER

The *proposal* CONTINUED

04 What exactly happened? Take me through the moment.

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

05 Were there any funny mishaps, unexpected surprises or happy tears?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

06 How did you celebrate afterwards?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

A LITTLE INSPIRATION

I'd love to hear both sides of this story, particularly if you remember things differently!

CHAPTER IV

YOU EACH ANSWER

The *real you*

This is where we discover the wonderful personalities behind your love story. Each of you, tell me about the other.

01 What are three things you love most about them?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

02 What do they do that always makes you smile?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

03 What little habit of theirs drives you slightly mad, yet you secretly adore?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

YOU EACH ANSWER

The *real you* CONTINUED

04 What makes them such a wonderful partner?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

05 What is something about them that your guests might not know?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

YOU EACH ANSWER

The *heart of your relationship*

One very special question for each of you.

01 If you could tell your partner just one thing about why you want to spend the rest of your life with them, what would it be?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

A LITTLE INSPIRATION

Take your time with this one.

ANSWER TOGETHER

Your *dream ceremony*

Let's talk about how you want your ceremony to feel.

01 *The atmosphere.* In your own words, how would you like your guests to describe your ceremony afterwards?

TOGETHER

02 *Your love story.* Are there any stories you'd particularly love me to include?

TOGETHER

03 *Your vows.* Would you love to write your own personal vows, kept secret from each other until the ceremony, or would you like me to write vows for you to repeat?

TOGETHER

ANSWER TOGETHER

Your *dream ceremony* CONTINUED

04 *Your rings.* Would you like to exchange your rings, or have them blessed, with a few meaningful words or promises?

TOGETHER

05 *Readings, poems and music.* Would you like a family member or friend to deliver a reading, recite a favourite poem or perform a song?

TOGETHER

06 *Your inspiration.* Is there anything you've seen at another wedding that you absolutely loved and want included?

TOGETHER

YOU EACH ANSWER

A *few final things*

01 Is there anything important about your story that I haven't asked?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

02 Why, out of all the people in the world, have you chosen each other?

PARTNER 1

PARTNER 2

A LITTLE INSPIRATION

There is no perfect answer. Just your answer. And that's what will make your ceremony so special.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

From your words *to your ceremony.*

Once you've shared your answers, I'll begin weaving together the stories, personalities, memories and promises that make your relationship unique.

Your answers become the foundation of a personalised ceremony script, with a wonderful balance of warmth, romance, storytelling and laughter. Then we refine it together, until it feels completely right for you both.

- You don't need to answer everything in one sitting.
- Don't worry about wording, grammar or sounding romantic.
- Write as much or as little as you like.
- You can change your minds as your ceremony develops.

SEND IT BACK

Save this PDF once you've both added your answers, and email it back to me. There's no rush: fill it in as your plans develop.



AND ABOVE ALL

Enjoy reliving *your journey.*

Because on your wedding day, we're not just going to celebrate a marriage. We're going to celebrate *your* love story.

Terry Lewis

Your Wedding Celebrant, DJ & Master of Ceremonies

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