

Marriage Vows

1) Fill in the missing words from the marriage vows:

I, take you, to be my husband/wife, to have and to from this day forward,
for for worse, for richer for, in and in health, to love
and to cherish till us do part.

I give you this as a of our marriage. With my I honour
you, all that I am I to you and all that I I share with you.

2) Read the scenarios below. In the box next to each scenario, write which promise, or promises, of marriage would be important in that situation.

Your husband/wife loses their job and is out of work for some time.
You can't afford all the things you used to be able to.

You meet someone at work whom you find attractive. They seem to
like you too and ask you to come to their house one evening.

Your husband/wife is in an accident and ends up in a wheelchair.
They need help doing lots of things they used to be able to do for
themselves.

Your husband/wife is very stressed by difficult situations at work and
is more short-tempered and difficult to live with.

3) Choose one of the scenarios above. Describe how the husband/wife should act in this situation to keep their promise:

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Marriage Vows - Teacher's notes

1) Fill in the missing words from the marriage vows:

I, take you, to be my 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 us do part. I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you.

2) Read the scenarios below. In the box next to each scenario, write which promise, or promises, would be important in that situation.

Your husband/wife loses their job and is out of work for some time. You can't afford all the things you used to be able to.

For richer for poorer / All that I have I share with you

You meet someone at work who you find attractive. They seem to like you too and ask you to come to their house one evening.

With my body I honour you / All that I am I give to you / To love and to cherish

Earlier in the marriage ceremony the couple also promise to forsake (give up or forgo) all others and be faithful to each other.

Your husband/wife is in an accident and ends up in a wheelchair. They need help doing lots of things they used to be able to do for themselves.

In sickness and in health

Your husband/wife is very stressed by difficult situations at work and is more short-tempered and difficult to live with.

For better for worse / To love and to cherish

3) Choose one of the scenarios above. Describe how the husband/wife should act in this situation to keep their promise:

Your husband/wife loses their job and is out of work for some time. You can't afford all the things you used to be able to.

A husband and wife promise to stay with each other whether they are rich or poor and to share all that they have. This means that they are promising to stay together and support each other even if the financial situation is difficult. Keeping their promises in this situation may mean having to work more or making changes to their lifestyle. It may also mean sharing whatever they earn without being resentful that the other person is not working.

You meet someone at work who you find attractive. They seem to like you too and ask you to come to their house one evening.

A husband and wife promise to make their romantic relationship with each other exclusive. This means being careful not to become close (emotionally or physically) with someone else in a way that may cause your spouse to feel betrayed or unloved. Keeping their promises in this situation means not going round to the person's house even if they would like to. It may mean making an effort not to spend too much time with that person so that they are not in a situation where they may be tempted to be unfaithful.

Your husband/wife is in an accident and ends up in a wheelchair. They need help doing lots of things they used to be able to do for themselves.

A husband and wife promise to stay with each other in sickness and in health. This means being there for each other during minor illnesses as well as in more serious illnesses or disabilities. Keeping their promises in this situation would mean caring for and supporting the person in the wheelchair. They will have to make changes to the way they live, such as what they do when they spend time together and their roles in looking after the home and family. It may mean accepting that some things they planned and hoped for in the future will no longer be possible.

Your husband/wife is very stressed by difficult situations at work and is more short-tempered and difficult to live with.

A husband and wife promise to stay with each other and to love and look after each other when things are going well and when things are difficult. For a husband and wife to keep their promises in this situation, it would be helpful for them to talk to each other and try to resolve their frustrations together rather than getting more and more annoyed. It may mean having to make an extra effort to be kind and loving even when they do not feel like it.