

Marriage readiness checklist

Twenty-four conversations worth having before you marry. Tick each one when you have really talked it through, together.

This is not a test. An unticked box simply shows what to talk about next. Your ticks stay on this page and are not saved or sent anywhere.

Hopes and intentions

- ☐ We have each said what we hope our marriage will be.

- ☐ We agree on roughly when we want to marry.

- ☐ We know what faithfulness means to each of us, in practice.

Our families

- ☐ Our families have met, or we have a plan for them to meet.

- ☐ We agree how often we will see our families.

- ☐ We know how we will handle it if a family member disagrees with a choice we make together.

Children

- ☐ We have talked about whether and when we want children.

- ☐ We have talked about what we would do if we could not have children.

- ☐ We agree on the role our parents will play with our children.

Money

- ☐ We have shared our savings and debts honestly.

- ☐ We agree on joint accounts, separate accounts or both.
- ☐ We know whether either of us supports family members with money.

Faith and values

- ☐ We have talked about the place of faith in our daily life.
- ☐ We agree how our children would be raised in terms of faith.
- ☐ We know which traditions matter most to each of us.

Home and daily life

- ☐ We have agreed how to share the housework.
- ☐ We know how much time alone each of us needs.
- ☐ We have talked about where we will live.

When we disagree

- ☐ We know how each of us likes to handle a disagreement.
- ☐ We have had a disagreement, made up and learned something from it.
- ☐ We would ask for help, such as a counsellor, if we got stuck.

The future

- ☐ We have talked about both of our careers.
- ☐ We know whether either of us might want to move country.
- ☐ We have said what promise we want to make each other.

