

The following statements can be used to discuss casually or in a structured manner. Use the list to more effectively work toward marriage or use it as powerful conversation starters between partners.

1. Love is usually having to say....
2. Since we first met, the following changes have taken place in our relationship
3. Describe several instances when your future partner demonstrated real love toward you during the last month
4. Describe several situations in which you, intentionally or unintentionally, were hurtful to your future partner in the last month
5. Give ways you and your future partner differ
6. Give the ways you and your partner are alike
7. Describe some specific things your future partner has "bugged" you about recently which you could have corrected, but didn't.
8. What are the strengths you will bring into your marriage?
9. What are the strengths your future partner will bring to your marriage?
10. How will you use your strong points to grow together in love after marriage?
11. What are some of the weaknesses you will bring to your marriage?
12. What are some of your future partner's weaknesses?
13. In our marriage, love will grow primarily by....
14. Write a positive comment about your future partner: "When you...."
15. Write a positive emotion you feel: "I feel...."
16. Write a negative comment about your future partner: "When you.... "
17. Write a negative emotion about yourself: "I feel... "
18. Communication means to me...
19. I feel most like communicating with my future partner when...
20. I feel least like communicating with my future partner when...
21. Describe several things which your future partner does which make it easy to share yourself with him/her

22. Describe several things your future partner does which make it difficult to share yourself with him/her
23. Describe how you plan to make important decisions in your marriage
24. In our marriage, communication will be so important that:
25. As far as communication in our future marriage, one partner...
26. One aspect of our relationship I've been reluctant to discuss with my future partner, but wish to now, is:
27. My idea of freedom in marriage is...
28. Describe several ways you've learned to balance personal freedom with responsibility to your future partner
29. The most difficult area for me to allow my future partner freedom in is...
30. Some areas where I feel a lack of freedom with my future partner is...
31. Describe some ways love and sex are related
32. Describe several ways that sex has become of greater or lesser importance in your relationship
33. When it comes to sexual pleasure my needs are...
34. When it comes to sexual pleasure I think my future partner's needs are...
35. Sexual experience without love is...
36. Love without sex is...
37. I feel most comfortable with my future partner when...
38. I feel most uncomfortable with my future partner when...
39. My feelings about family planning are...
40. Discussions about family planning should be made by...
41. Money in our future family will mean...
42. Describe how financial decisions will be made in your future family.
43. Major sources of conflict in our money matters are related to...
44. How do I feel about a working wife?
45. Selfishness means to me...
46. Selfishness in my relationship has been...
47. Religious belief and practice in our marriage will mean...

48. Describe several religious attitudes you like about your future partner
49. Describe several religious attitudes you dislike about your future partner
50. I feel religion in the home should....
51. Responsibility for the religious education of our children should...
52. Describe several things about your future partner's parents that you really like
53. Describe several things about your future partner's parents that you dislike.
54. As far as I'm concerned, my parents...
55. As far as I'm concerned, my future partner's parents...
56. My future in-laws need to learn right now:
57. How many children would be the ideal number in our family?
58. For me the ideal child is...
59. Describe some of the ways to best help your children grow and mature
60. List the changes you plan to make from your parents' child rearing practices.