

To remember who you are and why you love your spouse, you need some one-on-one time to get CLEAR and connect. Take this date step-by-step, but feel free to customize it to make it work for your unique us.

When you met your spouse, there was one thing that was eventually CLEAR—this person was different than anyone else you had known. And that was a very good thing. You didn't want to do this life without them, so you made a decision to ensure that—you married them. But over time, things can get a little cloudy. Life happens—and all the things that come with it.



# WEDDING DATE

## GROUND RULES

- Take a break from talking about the usual suspects—money, kids, in-laws. This is not a time to take care of checklists, this is time for your us.
- Flirt. Be considerate, kind, relaxed, and a great listener. Act as if you are still trying to win him/her over.
- As much as humanly possible, stay off of technology. Only text or take a call if it is an emergency. Everyone and everything will be okay. (People use to leave their homes all the time without phones, and they lived to tell about it.)
- In many relationships, there is a talker and a non-talker. If you are married to a non-talker, when he/she talks tonight, they might not do it as well as you. So believe the best in them as they find the words.

## GET READY

Trying to figure out what to wear for this date? Wear white. White dress. White shirt. White pants. Okay, maybe you don't have all of that, but wear some white—both of you.

To prepare for this date, find a photo from your wedding day. If it's in a frame, bring the framed picture. If it's an album, bring the album. If you're afraid something might happen to it, then take a picture of the photo(s).

Print a photo from your re-proposal and frame it. (Yes, you can still print photos.)

## KEEP IT GOING

The most creative re-proposal wins a trip to Tahiti. Not really. You just win a new memory in the story of your us.

If you can find someone to capture it on video or take a photo, or at least take a selfie, post it on social media using #mpdates.

It's time for the great Re-Proposal. Go somewhere and ladies, it's your time to ask him to marry you! Slip that ring back on his finger and re-propose. Ladies if you proposed the first time, now it's his turn.

## DARE ME? (OPTIONAL)

- Order dessert. Now it's time to talk about the honeymoon.
- If we had to plan a honeymoon on a shoestring budget, what would it look like?
- If we had unlimited funds to plan a honeymoon, what would it look like?

Pick a restaurant that is your current favorite, one that offers a three-course meal—appetizer, meal, and dessert. If that just sounds like too much food or too much money, no problem. Don't force feed yourselves, but try to break the meal up into those sections.

## GO OUT

Order an appetizer. Place your wedding photo on the table. (If it's an image on your phone, prop up your phone.) Ask each other:

- If we were having our ceremony now, where would it be?
- Who would be in the wedding party—bridesmaids and groomsmen?
- Who would you invite? Is there anyone you would not invite from our first ceremony?
- Who would officiate? What elements would be part of the ceremony—music, communion, etc.?

When your main course arrives, it's time to dream a little bit.

- How would you plan a wedding if we had a small budget?
- What would it look like?
- Now, think big. The sky's the limit and money is not a factor. If we could plan our wedding with an unlimited budget, what would it look like and where would it be? Talk through the details.