



## The Journey of Life: What is so special about marriage?

Word	Definition
marriage	The legal union of 2 people as
relationship	The way in which people are connected
commitment	Being dedicated to something
promise	A declaration that you will do something
vows	A formal promise
symbol	A thing that represents something
ceremony	An occasion celebrating something
Kanyadaan	Hindu wedding ritual where father gives his daughter away to
Panigrahana	Hindu wedding ritual where the groom takes the bride's hand in
Saptapadi	Hindu wedding ritual where the bride takes 7 steps as they say

### Key Knowledge and Concepts

Marriage is a legally recognised relationship between two people in which they take part in an official ceremony

In a Christian marriage the bride wears a veil to show her respect for God

In a Christian marriage vows are made in front of God and being called Husband and Wife shows they are one in God's eyes

In a Christian marriage exchanging of the rings represents eternal love



In a Hindu marriage Kanyadaan is where the father gives his daughter away to the groom

In a Hindu marriage Panigrahana is a ritual taken place near fire; the groom takes the bride's hands to represent their union.

In a Hindu marriage Saptapadi means 'seven steps'. The bride and groom take seven steps around the holy fire (the divine witness to their marriage) as they say their vows in Sanskrit.

