



WORDING GUIDE

Here you'll find a few examples of the traditional way of wording your wedding invitations, listed by category of who is hosting the wedding. Remember - this is only a guide, so feel free to be as creative as you like with your wording.

Traditionally, the date, year and times on wedding invitations are spelled out in full:

Saturday, the eighteenth of September
Two thousand and eleven
at four o'clock in the afternoon

A note about RSVPs:

Traditionally, R.S.V.P. was written on the invitation, and guests knew to reply on their own stationery. Now, most couples find that they get responses more promptly if they include a separate reply card for guests to complete and post back.

You can find our suggested wording for RSVP cards at the end of this guide.

INVITATION WORDING

FROM BRIDE'S PARENTS

(bride's parents)
request the pleasure of the company of
(guest name)
at the marriage of their daughter

BRIDE'S NAME
to
GROOM'S NAME
at (ceremony venue)
(ceremony address)
on (date)
at (time)
and afterwards at (reception venue)
at (time)
(reception venue address)

FROM BRIDE AND GROOM'S PARENTS

(bride's parents)
together with
(groom's parents)
request the pleasure of the company of
(guest name)
at the marriage of their daughter

BRIDE'S NAME
to
GROOM'S NAME
at (ceremony venue)
(ceremony address)
on (date)
at (time)
and afterwards at (reception venue)
at (time)
(reception venue address)

FROM BRIDE AND GROOM

BRIDE'S NAME
and
GROOM'S NAME
request the pleasure of the company of
(guest name)
to share in the celebration of our marriage
at (ceremony venue)
(ceremony address)
on (date)
at (time)
and afterwards at (reception venue)
at (time)
(reception venue address)

FROM BRIDE AND GROOM WITH PARENTS

Together with their parents
BRIDE'S NAME
and
GROOM'S NAME
request the pleasure of the company of
(guest name)
at their marriage
at (ceremony venue)
(ceremony address)
on (date)
at (time)
and afterwards at (reception venue)
at (time)
(reception venue address)

RSVP WORDING

Name/s _____
_____ Will attend
_____ Will not attend
Please reply before the tenth of March

Name/s _____
_____ Accept with pleasure
_____ Decline with regret
The favour of a reply is requested by the tenth of March

A note about personalisation of guest names:

To leave out the guest name from the invitation and avoid having to handwrite each name, you can alter the wording to something like:

“Sally and John request the pleasure of your company at their marriage...”

or

“Sally and John would be delighted if you would join them in celebrating their marriage...”

Please note we can personalise guest names on flat printed invitations and mailing labels etc, but not for letterpress orders (this is because for letterpress, each name requires printing from a plate, so every name would require its own plate).

For letterpress orders, we recommend either just addressing the envelopes and leaving guest names off the invitation, or alternatively, we can leave a space in the wording for you to handwrite or calligraphy guest names in with ink. Please note, if you are considering hiring a calligrapher to address guest names, most calligraphers will require 20% overs to be supplied to them. Please confirm with your calligrapher the quantity required prior to placing your order with us.

Still need help with your wording?

Please ask us, we are more than happy to help with suggestions if you get stuck!