

Wedding Invitation Wording

Getting it Right – Some thoughts by Lizzy Lemon



Planning Your Invitation Wording

Getting your wedding invitation wording right can be tricky. You need to make sure that your guests have all the information they need about your celebration, and that you ask them to provide the details that you need to make the final arrangements with your venue.

Etiquette and tradition might also be important – I have heard many brides mention that the wording of the wedding invitation can be a delicate matter with their parents, so you might be wise to get their agreement to the design and wording of your invites, especially if they are helping out with the finances for your celebration.

Not all wedding stationers will allow you to supply your own special form of words. Check in advance whether your supplier does. When you order stationery from Lizzy Lemon, it's all about making the invitation personal to you, so you will choose your own wording. To help you, I've put together some suggestions for wording, both formal and informal, traditional and modern. There are also ideas for other information you might want to include to help your guests.

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Formal wedding invitation wording:

Bride's parents inviting:

Mr. and Mrs. [bride's parents' name]
request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
[bride's first name(s)] to [groom's full name]
on [date, month year]
at [time]
at [venue]
(and afterwards at [venue])
RSVP [to] by [date]

Couple Inviting:

(Together with their parents)
[name] and [name]
request the pleasure of your company at their wedding
on [date, month year]
at [time]
at [venue]
reception immediately to follow
RSVP [to] by [date]



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Some informal wordings for your invites:

[name & name]
request the pleasure of the company of
.....
as they celebrate their love and commitment at their partnership ceremony / marriage
at [time]
on [date]
at [venue]
(and afterwards at [venue])

(It is with great joy that)
[name] & [name]
invite you to share and celebrate their wedding / partnership / celebration of commitment
on [date]
at [time] until late
at [venue]

[name] & [name]
invite you to share in their love and happiness as they exchange vows of marriage /
lifelong partnership
and begin their new life together
at [time] on [date]
at [venue]
(followed by dinner and dancing at [venue])

It is our great pleasure to invite you to join us
in celebrating our marriage / commitment to each other
at [time]
on [date]
at [venue]
(and afterwards at [venue])
We very much hope you can join us
[name & name]

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[name] & [name]
are pledging their life long commitment to each other
and would like you to share in their love and happiness
at the ceremony at [time]
on [date]
at [venue]
(and afterwards at [venue])

Dear

You've been part of our journey towards love and happiness,
so we would love you to join us as we celebrate our marriage / commitment to each other
at [time]
on [date]
at [venue]
[name & name]

Some more things to consider:

Make sure you include an RSVP date and address in your wording if you need to know whether people are coming, or ask me to include an RSVP card with your invitation. It is usual to set the RSVP date 4-6 weeks before the wedding to allow you time to make the final arrangements.

There are other additional pieces of information you may want to include, either on the invitation or on additional sheets:

- any dress code/theme
- time guests can expect the day to come to an end
- whether children are invited (and possibly explain politely to parents why they are not invited)
- accommodation
- gifts (gift lists; charity donations; money; you prefer not to receive gifts)
- directions to the venue
- whether you are providing transport to and / or from the venue
- further questions contact info
- menu choices

You may want to include a lot of this information, but still like the idea of a simple invitation. Lizzy Lemon has layered and folded invitation styles that offer very neat solutions that tie lots of information into one invitation package.

Whatever you choose, the main thing is that your guests feel warmly invited to share your big day with you. A beautiful invitation will always put a smile on people's faces, and that's what I aim to do at Lizzy Lemon.

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