



WEDDING INVITATION WORDING

raditionally, it was the bride's parents who paid for the wedding, and it was therefore their role to invite all the guests. The invitations would be addressed from them.

However, those days are becoming rarer as time goes by (unfortunately for some!). Nowadays it is common for the bride and groom to host the wedding, perhaps with help from one or both sets of parents. In terms of wording for the wedding invitations, there are complications if parents are divorced and even more so if they are remarried... as you can see, writing an invitation is not as straightforward as you might think!

However, all is not lost! We can guide you through each step of the wording of your invitations, and we have many examples of different combinations to suit each situation, so help is at hand! Whether your wedding is very traditional or ultra modern, we have a range of wording options available to help you decide on the right text for you.

The examples here are by no means the only templates you can use; these are just some examples of the most popular. Of course if you have your own ideas we can incorporate these – and lots of couples do use original and different wording to really personalise this special invitation.

There are also many different options as to the names you use – full names, middle names, whether to use the bride's surname, nicknames... that's why we're here to make it as easy and smooth as possible for you.





1. BRIDE AND GROOM HOSTING

Sarah Jane Willsden and John Michael Dawson

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE

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TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGE
AT RUDDING PARK CHAPEL, FOLLIFOOT
ON SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2011 AT 2 PM
FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING RECEPTION AT
RUDDING PARK

RSVP BY 31ST MARCH 2011





2. BRIDE'S PARENTS HOSTING

Mr and Mrs Zeter Willsden

Request the pleasure of the company of

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TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

SARAH JANE TO JOHN MICHAEL DAWSON

AT RUDDING PARK CHAPEL, FOLLIFOOT
ON SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2011 AT 2 PM
FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING RECEPTION AT
RUDDING PARK

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3. GROOM'S PARENTS HOSTING

Mr and Mrs Michael Dawson

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE

TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF

Sarah Jane to their son John Michael Dawson

AT RUDDING PARK CHAPEL, FOLLIFOOT
ON SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2011 AT 2 PM
FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING RECEPTION AT
RUDDING PARK

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4. BRIDE & GROOM AND ALL PARENTS HOSTING

TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS

Sarah Jane Willsden and John Michael Dawson

REQUEST THE HONOUR OF THE COMPANY OF

.....

TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF

SARAH JANE TO THEIR SON JOHN MICHAEL DAWSON

At Rudding Park Chapel, Follifoot On Saturday 14th May 2011 at 2 PM Followed by an evening reception at Rudding Park

RSVP BY 31ST MARCH 2011

ADEL AROSA

These are the basic formal templates to which you can add your own twist (e.g. "She said yes!"), comments about gifts or more details about times, addresses, even dress code if you like!

GIFTS

Gifts can often be a cause of stress when deciding on wedding invitations. It is normal practice nowadays to include something, whether that be a comment in the invitation or a separate information card, and this can often make the bride and groom feel uncomfortable. Nobody likes to feel they are asking for gifts... but equally, nobody wants to receive six toasters and three sets of crockery which don't match!

In almost all cases, your guests will appreciate being told about options for gifts, as it means there is no confusion and they do not have to worry about getting you the same as somebody else, or something you don't like! Also, remember that most people will WANT to give you a gift for your wedding, so it really isn't being rude to gently guide them in the right direction!

Remember the last wedding you went to and put yourself in the guests' shoes – did a gift list offend you or make the decision about what to buy easier?

Many couples set up a wedding list at a well known department store, in which case they will usually provide you with a card to put in with your invitations. However, it is often a good idea to mention something about it in your own words and on matching paper so it matches the style of the invitation and doesn't feel like you're just slipping in an advert for a department store and assuming people will know what to do!





GIFT CARDS WORDING SUGGESTIONS

It is your presence not your presents that we would like on our wedding day. However if you would like to give us a gift, money towards our honeymoon in the Maldives would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not feel obliged to buy us a gift, but if you would like to we have set up a gift list at John Lewis. The gift list number is X1234 (or please see enclosed card for details).

We can't wait to see you on Saturday, is the first thing to say
We hope you can share the love and happiness on our wedding day.
So if your thoughts were of a gift, your presence will suffice
But if you really want to, help towards our honeymoon would be nice.
The choice is really up to you and we would like to say
We hope you come and enjoy yourselves and have a lovely day.

We know it's not traditional, it's not the way it's done
But instead of a wedding list, we'd like a bit of sun
Please do not think of us as rude, please do not take offence
We do not want to upset you, that's not the way it's meant.
We've lived together quite a while and all the bills are paid
We've got our plates, our pots and pans, our plans have all been made.
So if you'd like to give us a gift to help us celebrate
Some money for a honeymoon we really would appreciate.

To celebrate our wedding you may wish to buy us presents
However this is not required, all we want is your presence
If you insist, we must admit, some money would be great
to help us with our new house at a later date.
Regardless of which choice you make, all we would like to say,
is come along and have some fun, on this our special day.

As explained, all the ideas you see here are just that – ideas. We can help guide you through the process and help with wording to fit your individual circumstances. Just give us a call or send us an email to arrange an appointment or for no obligation advice. We'd love to help!



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