

## INVITATION WORDING ASSISTANCE

It's an ageless question: How exactly do I word my invitations? As most newly engaged couples know, this can be a tricky subject because what's read between the lines is who's hosting (in other words, paying for) the wedding. Fortunately, many of today's etiquette rules are versatile. But before you can tweak the rules to meet your unique wording needs, you first have to understand the rules. The following pages will guide through the basics of a traditionally-worded invite.

### FROM BRIDE'S PARENTS

(Bride's Parents)  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
(Bride First & Middle)  
to  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

### FROM BRIDE'S PARENTS

(Bride's Parents)  
invite you to share in the joy  
of the marriage uniting their daughter  
(Bride First & Middle)  
and  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

-- OR --

(Bride's Parents)  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage of their daughter  
(Bride First & Middle)  
to  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

### WITH MENTION OF GROOM'S PARENTS

(Bride's Parents)  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
(Bride First & Middle)  
to  
(Groom First & Middle)  
son of (Groom's Parents)  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

### FROM BOTH PARENTS

(Bride's Parents)  
and  
(Groom's Parents)  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
(Bride First & Middle)  
and  
(Groom First & Middle)  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

### FROM COUPLE & PARENTS WITHOUT PARENT'S NAMES

Together with their parents  
(Bride First, Middle & Last)  
and  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage celebration  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

### FROM COUPLE & PARENTS WITH PARENTS NAMES

(Bride First, Middle & Last)  
and  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
together with their parents  
(Parents) and  
(Parents)  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage celebration  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

### FROM BRIDE AND GROOM

(Bride First, Middle & Last)  
and  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage  
(Day), the (date) of (Month)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

-- OR --

The pleasure of your company  
is requested at the marriage of  
(Bride First, Middle & Last)  
and  
(Groom First, Middle & Last)  
(Day), the (Month) of (date)  
(year)  
at (time)  
(Location)  
(Address)  
(City, State)

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MARRIED COUPLE

MARRIED COUPLE

(with children under 18, outer envelope only)

MARRIED COUPLE

OVER 18 LIVING WITH PARENTS

SISTERS

BROTHERS (same residence over 18 years)

MARRIED COUPLE (woman is a doctor)

MARRIED COUPLE

UNMARRIED COUPLE

SINGLE PERSON (with unknown guest)

WIDOW

DIVORCED WOMAN

## VERSE ETIQUETTE

### Quick Reference

- ▶ **"request the honour or your presence"** is used on an invitation to a wedding that is located in a house of worship
- ▶ **"request the pleasure of your company"** is used on an invitation that is located outside a house of worship; it is also used on the reception invitation
- ▶ the bride and groom's middle names are included, however, their parents' middle names are not necessary
- ▶ half hours are written as "half after four o'clock"
- ▶ "evening" begins at six o'clock
  - at five o'clock in the afternoon
  - at six o'clock in the evening
- ▶ the year should not be capitalized, however, it is commonly shown that way
- ▶ zip codes are not included on the invitation or reception card
- ▶ punctuation is not used except for abbreviations such as "Mr. or Mrs." and for separating a phrase
- ▶ Mister (Mr.) and Misses (Mrs.) are abbreviated, however, Doctor, Reverend, and Captain should be written in full
- ▶ North and South is written in full if it precedes the street name (123 South Main Street); a comma is added after the street name and an abbreviation is used if it comes after the address (123 Main Street, N.W.)
- ▶ numbers are written out except for the street address; the number is written out if the number is less than 10
- ▶ an invitation to the ceremony alone does not require a response card