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Invite Wording Guidelines

Ideas and etiquette tips on wedding invite words.

Save the Dates

Giving your guests a heads-up to keep your date free!

HOW MUCH INFO YOU PUT ON YOUR SAVE THE DATES IS UP TO YOU! THE STANDARDS:

- NAMES
- DATE
- “SAVE THE DATE” TYPE TEXT

SOME COUPLE’S ALSO CHOOSE TO ADD A VENUE AND THE LINE “FORMAL INVITE TO FOLLOW”, HERE ARE SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO WORD YOUR SAVE THE DATES:

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
SALLY HOWDEN & BEN JONES
ON SATURDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020
FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE MARRIAGE OF
SALLY HOWDEN TO BENJAMIN JONES
ON SATURDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020
IN SOMERSET
FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

SALLY & BEN
ARE GETTING MARRIED!
23RD DECEMBER 2020
NUTHURST GRANGE HOTEL, HOCKLEY HEATH
WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BE THERE!
INVITATION TO FOLLOW

SAVE THE DATE!
SALLY & BEN
SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2020
PINWOOD STUDIOS
LONDON

PENCIL US IN
SALLY & BEN
ARE GETTING MARRIED!
10/11/2020
SHUSTOKE BARN
FORMAL INVITE TO FOLLOW

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 4, 2020
FOR THE WEDDING CELEBRATION OF
SALLY HOWDEN TO BENJAMIN JONES
FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

SALLY HOWDEN & BEN JONES
ARE TYING THE KNOT!
FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2020
FASANO, ITALY
INVITATION TO FOLLOW

BEN PROPOSED...
SALLY SAID YES!
JOIN US ON DECEMBER 31, 1997
AS WE SAY, “I DO!”
IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
INVITATION TO FOLLOW

Wedding Invites

Formal or Informal?

1. Informal with just first names: 1 venue

SALLY & BEN
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THEIR WEDDING ON
SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2019
TO BE HELD AT
BORDESLEY PARK FARM, B98 9BH
AT 2PM
ARRIVAL FOR THE CEREMONY IS 1.30PM
FOLLOWED BY DINNER & DANCING

2. Informal with first and last name: 1 venue

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES
SALLY HOWDEN & BENJAMIN JONES
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGE
SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020
FOR A TWO O'CLOCK CEREMONY
GUESTS TO BE SEATED BY 1.30PM
CANAPÉS TO FOLLOW

3. Formal from the bride's family using full names: 2 venues

MR & MRS MARK HOWDEN
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE WEDDING OF THEIR DAUGHTER
SALLY HOWDEN & BENJAMIN WILLIAM JONES
SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2019 1.30PM
LICHFIELD REG OFFICE - BIRD STREET, WS13 6PM
FOLLOWED BY EVENING RECEPTION
GORSE GARM RIDING STABLES - LAZY HILL ROAD, WS9 9DS

4. Super formal from both parents using full names: 1 venue

MR AND MRS. MARK HOWDEN & MR AND MRS. DAVID JONES
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE WEDDING RECEPTION OF THEIR CHILDREN
SALLY HOWDEN AND BENJAMIN WILLIAM JONES
SATURDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2018
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF DANCING FROM 6.30PM
DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL
PARADISE WAY, WALSGRAVE TRIANGLE, COVENTRY, CV2 2ST

Wedding Invites Cont.

Formal or Informal?

5. Both Sets of Parents

MR AND MRS MARK HOWDNE AND MR AND MRS DAVID JONES
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF
GUEST'S NAME
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN
JANE MARIE SMITH TO EDWARD JAMES

6. On Children's Behalf

CORA & LUNA JONES
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF
GUEST'S NAME
AT THEIR MARRIAGE OF THEIR PARENTS
MISS JANE SMITH TO MR EDWARD JONES

YOU CAN INCLUDE A LINE TO ADD IN YOUR GUEST(S) NAME OR KEEP THE INVITE "PEN FREE"
WITH A SIMPLE REQUEST LINE, SEE SOME OTHER OPTIONS BELOW:

The "Request Line"

- THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
- AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN
- WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN THEM
- INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM
- HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE

Date Display Options

- 12/06/2020
- 12TH OF JUNE 2020
- SATURDAY THE 12TH JUNE 2020
- JUNE TWELTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
- SATURDAY THE TWELTH OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Your Names

USUALLY THE BRIDE'S NAME APPEARS FIRST ON AN INVITE BUT THERE ARE NO RULES!

- SALLY & BEN
- SALLY HOWDEN & BEN JONES
- MISS SALLY HOWDEN & MR BENJAMIN WILLIAM JONES

RSVP's

Yes, the party don't start 'til I walk in!

1. Accept or Decline Checkbox

MAKE THEM PERSONAL TO YOU OR KEEP IT SIMPLE:

WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD
SORRY I/WE CAN'T MAKE IT

YES, LET'S LIVE IT UP
NO, AND I'LL FOREVER REGRET THIS DECISION

ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE
DECLINES WITH REGRET

GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTS
RESPECTFULLY DECLINES

OF COURSE!
CELEBRATE FROM AFAR

WILL ATTEND
UNABLE TO ATTEND

2. Rsvp Reply Date

THERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN REQUEST THE RSVP, SUCH AS:

- RSVP BY THE TWENTIETH OF JUNE
- PLEASE RESPOND BY JUNE 20TH
- KINDLY REPLY BY 20/06/2020
- YOUR REPLY IS REQUESTED BY JUNE 20TH

3. Your Guests Names

A SPACE/LINE FOR YOU OR YOUR GUESTS TO WRITE THEIR NAMES.

4. Food Choice Options

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON A SIT DOWN WEDDING BREAKFAST WITH MORE THAN ONE MEAL OPTION, YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADD A CHECKBOX FOR YOUR GUESTS TO INDICATE WHICH MEAL THEY WOULD LIKE, THIS MIGHT INCLUDE 2, 3 OR 4 BOXES FOR COUPLES/FAMILIES - PLEASE SPECIFY.

5. Dietary Requirements

MAYBE YOU JUST NEED TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR GUESTS; THIS COULD BE VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN, ANY ALLERGIES LIKE NUT OR SHELLFISH. {A SIMPLE LINE FOR YOUR GUESTS TO ADD THIS IN HERE IS FINE}

6. Song Choices

IF YOU'VE OPTED FOR A DJ WHO IS LETTING YOU CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEDDING PLAYLIST YOU CAN ENCOURAGE YOU GUESTS TO GET INVOLVED BY ASKING THEM FOR THEIR OWN SONG CHOICES - YOU CAN VETO ANYTHING INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE NANNA'S!

RSVP's Cont.

Yes, the party don't start 'til I walk in!

7. Wedding Website or Online RSVP

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON HAVING A WEDDING WEBSITE OR EMAIL ADDRESS THAT YOUR GUESTS CAN RSVP ON/TO THEN YOU CAN INCLUDE A LINE OF TEXT ON THE INVITE OR MAYBE A SMALLER SEPARATE CARD THAT INSTRUCTS YOUR GUESTS WHAT TO DO NEXT. A FEW WORDING IDEAS:

KINDLY RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 10TH
USING THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
WWW.WEDDINGWEBSITE.CO.UK

RSVP ONLINE BY SEPTEMBER 10TH TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS
XXXX@OURWEDDING.CO.UK
PLEASE ALSO INFORM US OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS &/OR ALLERGIES

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 10TH:
WWW.WEDDINGWEBSITE.CO.UK

8. Return Address

WHETHER YOU ARE USING AN RSVP POSTCODE OR HAVING SELF ADDRESS ENVELOPES YOU NEED A RETURN ADDRESS - THIS IS USUALLY YOUR OWN ADDRESS. OR IF SOMEONE ELSE IS RECEIVING THESE ON YOUR BEHALF HERE ARE SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THEM:

- THE FUTURE MR AND MRS JONES
- SALLY & BEN
- THE PARENTS OF SALLY HOWDEN
- THE JONES'

9. Destination Wedding

FOR DESTINATION WEDDINGS YOU COULD USE THE FOLLOWING IDEAS:

OUR BAGS ARE PACKED!
WILL BE THINKING OF YOU AT HOME

AWAY WE GO!
SORRY, I/WE'LL HAVE TO SAY NO

READY FOR TAKE-OFF!
SENDING BEST WISHES

Extra Information

Things you might need to let your guests know.

1. Venue(s) Address

TO AVOID GUESTS TRYING TO CONTACT YOU DAYS (OR ON THE DAY!) ASKING WHERE THE VENUE(S) IS/ARE, TRY TO INCLUDE AS MUCH INFO AS THEY MIGHT NEED; MAYBE YOUR VENUE IS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK - ADD SOME WRITTEN DIRECTIONS OR A DRAWN MAP OF THE CLOSEST ROADS/MOTORWAYS. {I CAN DRAW MAPS UPON REQUEST}

2. Food Choices

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON A SIT DOWN WEDDING BREAKFAST WITH MORE THAN ONE MEAL OPTION AND YOU'D LIKE THEM TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANT TO EAT, YOU CAN INCLUDE YOUR FULL MENU ON THE INVITE - NOT ONLY DOES THIS LOOK NICE BUT SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE IS SOMETHING THEY ARE GOING TO LIKE.

3. Other Accommodation

MAYBE YOUR VENUE ONLY HAS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF GUEST ROOMS (OR DON'T OFFER ANY AT ALL), YOU MIGHT WANT TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS OF OTHER AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION NEAR TO YOUR VENUE FOR GUESTS TRAVELLING A LONG WAY OR JUST WANT TO PARTY WITH YOU UNTIL DAYLIGHT!

4. Taxi's

AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO INCLUDE SOME LOCAL TAXI NUMBERS FOR THOSE EITHER STOPPING OVER CLOSE OR UNSURE OF THE LOCAL AREA.

4. Destination Weddings

GETTING MARRIED ABROAD? GIVE YOUR GUESTS SOME INFO ABOUT HOW TO GET TO YOUR WEDDING AND ENJOY THEIR TIME THERE - A ROUGH IDEA OF FLIGHT COSTS / DAYS CERTAIN AIRLINES FLY OUT TO YOUR DESTINATION / SURROUNDING ACCOMMODATION / TRANSFER TO AND FROM AIRPORT COSTS. SOME OF YOUR GUESTS MIGHT DO A BIT OF RESEARCH AND CONSIDER MAKE THE MOST OF THE THEIR TIME THERE AND EXTEND THE "HOLIDAY".

4. Gifts

SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE ON ETIQUETTE ON HOW TO ASK FOR GIFTS/MONEY.

4. Adult Only

SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE ON ETIQUETTE ON HOW TO INFORM YOUR GUESTS THAT YOUR WEDDING IS AN ADULT ONLY AFFAIR.

How to ask for “Gifts”

Is it cheeky to ask for cash? We don't think so.

WE'VE LIVED TOGETHER A YEAR OR TWO,
WE REALLY DON'T NEED ANYTHING NEW.
YOUR PRESENCE AS A GUEST, IS ALL THAT WE REQUEST.
BUT IF YOU INSIST ON GIVING A GIFT,
SOME PENNIES FOR OUR HONEYMOON WOULD GIVE US A LIFT!
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS THE DREAM,
SUN, SEA AND SAND IS WHATS TO BE SEEN.
COCKTAILS, GOOD FOOD, PALM TREES AND ALL.
WE CAN ENSURE THAT YOUR GIFT,
WILL GIVE US MEMORIES OF A LIFETIME AND MORE.
You can personalise the text in BOLD

WE'RE TYING THE KNOT AND WE JUST CAN'T WAIT,
WE KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN ON OUR VERY FIRST DATE.
AS WE'VE GOT OUR HOME DRESSED UP WITH ACCESSORIES,
WE DON'T REALLY THINK THAT A WEDDING GIFT LIST IS NECESSARY.
BUT IF YOU DID WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING TO HELP US ON OUR WAY,
SOME MONEY IN A CARD WOULD TRULY MAKE OUR DAY!

SO WHAT DO YOU GET FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM,
WHO WOULD REALLY PREFER A RELAXING HONEYMOON?
WHEN SHOPPING FOR A PRESENT PLEASE DON'T BE RASH,
AS THERE IS ALWAYS THE OPTION TO JUST GIVE US CASH!
WE HOPE YOU DON'T FIND OUR REQUEST TO BE FUNNY,
BUT WE REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE A SMALL GIFT OF MONEY.

AS WE'VE LIVED TOGETHER FOR A YEAR OR TWO,
WE REALLY DON'T NEED ANYTHING NEW.
BUT IF YOU WERE THINKING OF GETTING US A SMALL WEDDING GIFT,
SOME MONEY FOR OUR FUTURE WOULDN'T GO AMISS.

WE'LL BE HUSBAND AND WIFE FOR THE REST OF OUR LIFE,
IN OUR LITTLE HOME MADE FOR TWO.
BUT INSTEAD OF A VASE OR A NEW KITCHEN KNIFE,
WE'D LOVE TO FLY OFF TO SOMEWHERE NEW.
A WEEK ON A BEACH WOULD SUFFICE AND BE IDEAL,
SO INSTEAD OF A GIFT, YOUR CONTRIBUTION WOULD HELP TO BUY US A ROMANTIC MEAL!

ALL THE WEDDING PLANNING HAS WORN US OUT,
AND A DREAM HONEYMOON WOULD MAKE US HAPPY, NO DOUBT!
BUT WE'VE GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM AND WE'RE WONDERING IF YOU CAN HELP,
WE'VE STARTED UP A HONEYFUND - ANY CONTRIBUTION WOULD MAKE US YELP!

Child Free Wedding?

Let your guests know if their kids are invited or not.

1. Close Friends and Family Only

NOW, IT ONLY GETS A BIT TRICKY WHEN YOU ONLY WANT TO INVITE CLOSE FRIENDS OR FAMILY'S CHILDREN; HOW DO YOU TELL THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY ARE ONE OF THOSE 'CLOSE FRIENDS' THAT THEIR KIDS AREN'T INVITED? APART FROM THE SUBTLE APPROACH OF JUST WRITING THE PARENT'S NAMES ON THE INVITES (WHICH CAN SOMETIMES GET MISSED), YOU CAN TRY ONE OF THESE PHRASES ON THE INFORMATION PART OF YOUR INVITE:

- AS MUCH AS WE'D LOVE TO INVITE ALL CHILDREN, WE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE A FEW CLOSE FAMILY AND FRIEND'S CHILDREN.
- IN ORDER TO KEEP NUMBERS TO A MINIMUM, WE CAN ONLY INVITE A SMALL NUMBER OF CHILDREN. WE HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND AND ENJOY YOUR DAY OFF!

2. Short and Sweet

MAYBE YOU WANT TO JUST GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT? FAIR ENOUGH, IT'S YOUR CHOICE AND YOUR GUESTS WILL RESPECT YOUR WISHES (AND IF THEY DON'T THEY PROBABLY WON'T COME - BUT FINGERS CROSSED IT DOESN'T COME TO THAT!), YOU COULD TRY THESE SHORT AND SWEET PHRASES:

- WITH RESPECT, WE WOULD LIKE OUR SPECIAL DAY TO BE AN ADULT ONLY OCCASION, WE HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND
- PLEASE RESPECT OUR WISHES FOR A CHILD FREE RECEPTION

3. Or Not...

- STRICTLY NO CHILDREN PLEASE

GOOD LUCK!