

## INVITATION WORDING SUGGESTIONS

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*The following pages outline a few examples and suggestions for wording your wedding invitations. These suggestions are merely a guide, and you can be as creative as you like! If you require further advice, please don't hesitate to contact us.*

*The structure and layout of your wording is largely determined by the invitation design you choose. The example text on the following pages is designed to show how lines might break and how wording can be organised. Your proofs will allow you to see your wording in the context of your design, and to make any changes if needed.*

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## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN WORDING YOUR INVITATIONS

### THE HOST

Normally your invitation will begin by listing the host(s) and inviting your guests. If the Bride and Groom are hosting, their names can be listed first, followed by the invitational lines. Flick through our Collection designs for some other examples as well.

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### THE BRIDE & GROOM'S NAMES

It is traditional to include both the first and middle names of the bride and groom on the wedding invitation. However, many couples choose to omit the middle and/or last names, and this is acceptable in contemporary wedding etiquette.

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### THE DATE & TIME

The day of the week and the date are traditionally written out in full, although in many contemporary invitations these are abbreviated or written as numerals. Normally the day of the week is first, followed by the date of the month and the month itself. You may also like to include the time of day (e.g. "Saturday afternoon"). Afternoon begins at twelve o'clock, and evening starts at six o'clock.

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### RSVP

When a response is required and a response card is not being used, this information can be included on the invitation. A date, contact name, contact address or contact number can be listed. Alternatively, guests can respond in writing to the return address. Email addresses are also becoming more common, and are acceptable on invitations.

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### DRESS CODE

Dress code is not essential but can be useful in letting your guests know the style of your wedding day. Here are some example Dress codes:

Black tie · Semi-formal  
Lounge Suit · Cocktail  
Smart Casual · Casual

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BRIDE'S PARENTS HOSTING WORDING SUGGESTIONS

Mr and Mrs Lauryn and Robert Devine  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter<sup>(1)</sup>

Sophia Anne Devine  
to  
Matthew Paul Johnson

on Saturday the sixteenth of October  
Two thousand and ten  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Randwick

Reception to follow<sup>(2)</sup>  
at six o'clock in the evening  
The Argyle, The Rocks  
Sydney

Kindly RSVP by 25th September, 2010<sup>(3)</sup>  
Dress Formal

SOME ALTERNATIVE TEXT SUGGESTIONS:

(1)

Request the pleasure of the company of at the marriage of [their daughter]  
Request the pleasure of your company to celebrate the marriage of  
Would be delighted if you could join them to celebrate the marriage of [their daughter]  
Request the pleasure/honour of the company of (*space left for handwriting guest names*)

(2)

Please join us after the ceremony for cocktails, dinner and dancing  
Please join us at time for dinner and dancing  
Followed by an evening of food, wine and dancing  
Followed by a reception at (*Reception venue*)

(3)

Kindly respond/reply by  
The favour of a response/reply is requested by  
The honour of a response/reply is requested by  
Répondez s'il vous plaît

BOTH BRIDE'S & GROOM'S PARENTS HOSTING

Mr and Mrs Lauryn and Robert Devine  
together with  
Mr and Mrs Dianna and Peter Johnson  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children <sup>(1)</sup>

Sophia Anne Devine  
and  
Matthew Paul Johnson

on Saturday the sixteenth of October  
Two thousand and ten  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Randwick

Reception to follow <sup>(2)</sup>  
at six o'clock in the evening  
The Argyle, The Rocks  
Sydney

Kindly RSVP by 25th September, 2010 <sup>(3)</sup>  
Dress Formal

SOME ALTERNATIVE TEXT SUGGESTIONS:

<sup>(1)</sup>

Request the pleasure of the company of at the marriage of [their children]  
Request the pleasure of your company to celebrate the marriage of  
Would be delighted if you could join them to celebrate the marriage of [their children]  
Request the pleasure/honour of the company of (*space left for handwriting guest names*)

<sup>(2)</sup>

Please join us after the ceremony for cocktails, dinner and dancing  
Please join us at time for dinner and dancing  
Followed by an evening of food, wine and dancing  
Followed by a reception at (*Reception venue*)

<sup>(3)</sup>

Kindly respond/reply by  
The favour of a response/reply is requested by  
The honour of a response/reply is requested by  
Répondez s'il vous plaît

GROOM'S PARENTS HOSTING

Mr and Mrs Dianna and Peter Johnson  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their son <sup>(1)</sup>

Matthew Paul Johnson  
to  
Sophia Anne Devine

on Saturday the sixteenth of October  
Two thousand and ten  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Randwick

Reception to follow <sup>(2)</sup>  
at six o'clock in the evening  
The Argyle, The Rocks  
Sydney

Kindly RSVP by 25th September, 2010 <sup>(3)</sup>  
Dress Formal

SOME ALTERNATIVE TEXT SUGGESTIONS:

<sup>(1)</sup>

Request the pleasure of the company of at the marriage of [their son]  
Request the pleasure of your company to celebrate the marriage of  
Would be delighted if you could join them to celebrate the marriage of [their son]  
Request the pleasure/honour of the company of (*space left for handwriting guest names*)

<sup>(2)</sup>

Please join us after the ceremony for cocktails, dinner and dancing  
Please join us at time for dinner and dancing  
Followed by an evening of food, wine and dancing  
Followed by a reception at (*Reception venue*)

<sup>(3)</sup>

Kindly respond/reply by  
The favour of a response/reply is requested by  
The honour of a response/reply is requested by  
Répondez s'il vous plaît

BRIDE'S & GROOM'S & FAMILIES HOSTING

Together with their parents <sup>(1)</sup>  
Sophia Devine and Matthew Johnson  
request the pleasure your company  
to celebrate their marriage <sup>(2)</sup>

on Saturday the sixteenth of October  
Two thousand and ten  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Randwick

Reception to follow <sup>(2)</sup>  
at six o'clock in the evening  
The Argyle, The Rocks  
Sydney

Kindly RSVP by 25th September, 2010 <sup>(3)</sup>  
Dress Formal

SOME ALTERNATIVE TEXT SUGGESTIONS:

<sup>(1)</sup>  
Together with their loving families  
With love and gratitude to our parents, we  
The pleasure of your company is requested at the marriage of

<sup>(2)</sup>  
request the pleasure of the company of at the marriage of [their daughter]  
request the pleasure of your company to celebrate the marriage of  
would be delighted if you could join them to celebrate the marriage of [their daughter]  
request the pleasure/honour of the company of (*space left for handwriting guest names*)  
request your company at the celebration of their wedding

<sup>(3)</sup>  
Please join us at time for cocktails, dinner and dancing  
Followed by an evening of food, wine and dancing  
Followed by a reception at (*Reception venue*)

<sup>(4)</sup>  
Kindly respond/reply by  
The favour of a response/reply is requested by  
The honour of a response/reply is requested by  
Répondez s'il vous plaît

BRIDE & GROOM HOSTING

(1)

Sophia Devine and Matthew Johnson  
invite you to join them  
as they exchange vows (2)

on Saturday the sixteenth of October  
Two thousand and ten  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Randwick

Reception to follow (2)  
at six o'clock in the evening  
The Argyle, The Rocks  
Sydney

Kindly RSVP by 25th September, 2010 (3)  
Dress Formal

SOME ALTERNATIVE TEXT SUGGESTIONS:

(1)

Together with their loving families  
With love and gratitude to our parents, we  
The pleasure of your company is requested at the marriage of

(2)

The pleasure of your company is requested at the marriage of  
request the pleasure of your company to celebrate their marriage  
request your company at the celebration of their wedding  
invite you to share and celebrate their marriage  
would be delighted if you could join them to celebrate their marriage  
request the pleasure/honour of the company of (*space left for handwriting guest names*)

(3)

Please join us at time for cocktails, dinner and dancing  
Followed by an evening of food, wine and dancing  
Followed by a reception at (*Reception venue*)

(3)

Kindly respond/reply by  
The favour of a response/reply is requested by  
The honour of a response/reply is requested by  
Répondez s'il vous plaît