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## Wedding Invitation Wording Guidelines

Whether you want to keep it classic and traditional or creative and whimsical, there are basic elements that should be included in every wedding invitation. Fortunately, wedding invitation etiquette rules are not as complicated as they may seem. The most important rule to remember is to create a beautiful invitation that reflects you, your love, and the big day you have planned, while also communicating the important details.

Here are the essential elements that should be included in every wedding invitation:

- The hosts
- A request for guests to attend
- The names of the couple
- The date and time
- The location
- Reception information
- Dress code

Let's break down each of these elements further:

**The Hosts** Traditionally, the bride's parents are named as the hosts of the wedding, even for very formal affairs. However, including the names of both sets of parents as hosts is a gracious option regardless of who is paying for the wedding. These days, more and more couples are hosting their own weddings or doing so with their parents.

If both sets of parents and the couple are hosting and paying for the wedding, the invitation can read "Together with their parents, Emma and Jax request the pleasure of your company..." If you want to include the name of a deceased parent, you can do so by rearranging the wording.

**The Request to Attend.** There are many ways to ask for the pleasure of your guests' company. The British spelling of "honour" traditionally indicates that the ceremony will be held in a church or another house of worship. Some options include:

- "The pleasure of your company"
- "At the marriage of their children"
- "Would love for you to join them"
- "Invite you to celebrate with them"
- "Honor of your presence"

**The Names of the Couple** If the names of the couple have not been included in the host line, they should be listed several lines down. Traditionally, the bride's name comes first, followed by the groom's name. Formal invitations issued by the bride's parents use her first and middle names and the groom's full name and title. If the couple is hosting the wedding, their titles are optional. For same-sex couples, the traditional rule of listing the woman's name first does not apply. They can choose to list their names in alphabetical order or based on what sounds better to them.

**The Date and Time.** For formal weddings, all information should be spelled out, including the year. The time of day should be written out as "o'clock" or "half after five o'clock." Whether to include "a.m." or "p.m." is optional. For casual weddings, numerals are acceptable.

**The Location.** The street address of the venue is not always necessary unless omitting it would lead to confusion or if the wedding is taking place at the host's home. The city and state should always be written out in full.

**Reception Information.** Very formal invitations may include reception information on a separate card. Otherwise, it can be printed on the wedding invitation if there is enough space. If the ceremony and reception will be held at the same location, you can print both pieces of information together.

Remember, the wedding invitation is a representation of you and your partner, so feel free to use these guidelines as a starting point and create your own unique invitation. And don't forget, all of your insert cards, as well as matching envelopes, are included in the price when ordering through [mccweddinginvitations.com](http://mccweddinginvitations.com)!