

# WEDDING WORD GLOSSARY

1. **Amenity** - Often complimentary/useful items found within venues such as fruit baskets, shower caps, shampoo & water. Be careful though, as some places will be charging for these items.
2. **Applique** - You'll hear this term a lot (if a Bride) when you start dress shopping. It is a way of creating texture & creating a 3D effect using a piece of lace or other fabric that are sown onto a base fabric.
3. **Back drop** - A painted screen or piece of cloth which usually hangs down behind the wedding cake or opposite the photobooth. More recently it has taken on new forms such as flower walls or prosecco walls, which allows for the perfect photo opportunity for guests.
4. **Bouquet** - These are the bundles of flowers which can be found in various sizes & styles that you and your bridal party will carry down the aisle.
5. **Boutonnière** - Men traditionally wear these (placed on their left lapel, over their heart.) You may opt for a boutonniere as an alternative to a - corsage for loved ones like your grandmother as well.
6. **Bustle** - This is tailoring trick which features loops, buttons or ribbons, used to pull up and tuck the train of a dress to make moving easier. There are French bustles & American bustles.
7. **Canapes** - Usually a cracker or puff pastry topped with something savoury. However, the word can be used interchangeable for small bites or hors d'oeuvres served before dinner.



8. **Catering** - This is one of the main suppliers within your wedding team who are in charge of feeding your guests & often providing drink for them too. Caterers are often a couple's 2nd biggest expense when it comes to planning your wedding, so ensure you book these guys early & talk through all the options that best fit your wedding budget.

9. **Celebrant** - A person who can officiate your ceremony and has the power to pronounce you 'married'.

10. **Centre piece** - Can incorporate floral arrangements and candles and unsurprisingly, they fill the centre of the table; following your chosen theme & décor.

11. **Charger** - In wedding context, it is a larger plate that is used as the base of a place setting, essentially taking the place of a place mat.

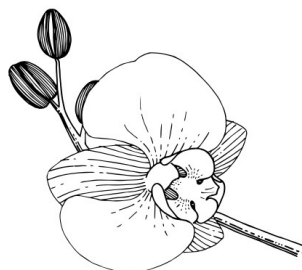
12. **Corkage** - A charge applied by a venue to a client when bringing their own alcohol on site. The charge is normally made per bottle.

13. **Corsage** - Just like at your high school prom, you will see - these again at your wedding. They are most often given to mothers and grandmothers and are a smaller version of the flowers found in the bridal party's bouquets.

14. **Drapes** - Any unspecified fabric hanging in folds usually from the ceiling, to fill the space of a venue and/or to create a blank canvas to allow you or your stylists to decorate the space in a way that highlights your chosen theme, especially curtaining fabrics (such as velvets etc.).

15. **Easel** - An (often) wooden frame for holding your table plan.

16. **Exclusive use** - Hire of a venue or area of venue for your private use on your wedding day.



17. **Engagement photos** - They have become more and more common and are now sometimes included within Photographer's packages. It's an opportunity to get more comfortable in front of the camera.
18. **Favour** - Something to give your guests as a 'Thank you' for attending your special day. Let your imagination run wild & get creative.
19. **Fondant** - This is the sugary dough that is used to give cakes a smooth and sleek exterior; it can be moulded, dyed & sculpted. It is edible but for some it is too sweet.
20. **Garland** - Usually a long design featuring both foliage and flowers that can be used to dress up any surface at your wedding. Weave them among candles; at the base of your cake; string them from chandeliers or drape them over the bar.
21. **Gobos** - These are stencils which are placed in front of lights to create patterns that can be projected onto the dance floor. Your lighting designer may create you a custom gobo with your initials as newlyweds to shine on the dance floor.
22. **In-house** - This means that the food & beverage of your wedding day is handled by your venue and not an outside supplier. This is important information to find out about on your first site visit.
23. **Installation** - Often inspired by Pinterest, these are towering arrangements that require a little more time and technique to put them together.
24. **On-the-day Coordinator** - If a full-service wedding planner is not a requirement or perhaps not within your budget, it is highly recommended to invest in an on-the-day-coordinator who will ensure the smooth running of your day from start to finish, so you can focus on being the Bride or Groom & celebrate with your loved ones instead of stressing about if the magician has arrived yet.
25. **Open Bar** - This means you have wine, beer and a full bar of spirits on offer to guests which has been prepaid for.



26. **Place cards** - Place cards are how your guests know exactly where they're sitting, once they've gotten to their table.

27. **Procession** - Traditionally, this is the part of the wedding ceremony where bridal party members walk down the aisle, eventually ending in the bride's grand entrance.

28. **Processional** - Traditionally, this is the specific piece of music playing during the bridal party's entrance.

29. **Recessional** - The specific piece of music playing as the couple makes their grand exit.

30. **Rehearsal dinner** - With no set rule as to who attends this dinner, it often occurs the night before the wedding itself and after the wedding rehearsal.

31. **RSVP** - This is a polite way of asking for your guests to respond to whether they will be attending your wedding. May include meal choices, where the guests may be staying or even a song, they would like to hear on the dance floor.

32. **Save the date** - A perfect way of getting on a guests' calendar before you send out your wedding invitations. It's the best way to ensure your nearest and dearest aren't away on holiday for the day you plan to say 'I do'.

33. **Signature cocktail** - A great way to personalise your wedding, whether it's a classic favourite for you and your significant other, or a concoction of which you caterer has crafted just for the occasion.

34. **Swatch** - A small piece of fabric or paint used to demonstrate the colour and/or texture of the material being used. For example, for your bridesmaid dresses; or ribbon on your handtied bouquets.

35. **Sweetheart table** - This is a table set for two; for those couples who was to enjoy a dinner date surrounded by the ones they love most. This is a great opportunity for special signage as newlyweds.



36. **Train** - Something to consider when (as a Bride) you want to make a grand entrance because after all, your guests are looking at the back of your dress a lot during the ceremony! This can range from adding a few extra inches to your dress to multiple feet.

37. **Trial** - Most commonly found with hair & makeup artists. This is so you can get an idea of how you will look on your wedding day & these trials are not free so are worth considering when talking budget.

38. **Table plan** - Usually arranged in table number order. These can be hired & styled by suppliers or they are another alternative for you to get creative and make your own. They allow for your guests to see where they are sat & who with, usually found upon entrance to your banqueting hall.

39. **Videographer** - This is one wedding investment many couples are thankful for, or wish they'd made. They provide live and moving memories of moments you as a couple may have missed otherwise. They are particularly special when they capture the words spoken from your family and/or friends in their speech(es).

40. **Veil** - For the Brides-to-be, they can vary in length, material and price but adding this hair accessory can make all the difference to you feeling like a 'real bride'.

