

Day two - Formal and informal language.

Formal language -

Formal language is used for more official and serious purposes. The correct grammar should always be used.

Informal language -

In **informal** situations and informal writing, a more relaxed casual and chatty style can be used.

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What Are Formal and Informal Language?

Sort the following criteria into formal or informal language conventions:

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| is clear and to the point | use more contractions and abbreviations (e.g. it's or TV) | has a more serious tone |
| has a more 'chatty' tone | uses the correct grammar and punctuation | uses text-style words (lol) |
| uses specific vocabulary for the subject | uses clichés (e.g. raining cats and dogs) | often uses complex sentence structures |

2. Which sentence is written in formal language?

You'll have a great trip!
I guarantee that your experience will be a positive one.
The flight was quite bumpy.

3. Change these sentences from informal to formal language:

Please come to see me tomorrow.

I reckon we'll have a fun time together.

Let me know if you can make it ASAP.

4. Are the following sentences formal or informal?

a) School is generally regarded as an excellent place in which to learn new facts.

b) The kids in class 6 were stoked about their trip.

c) Assuming the report is satisfactory, work on the new classroom will commence tomorrow.