

FORMAL & INFORMAL LANGUAGE 1

Formal language

"I am exhausted and desperate to retire as soon as possible," complained Daniel the construction worker. "When the midnight hour strikes it is essential that I am in my bedstead".

Uses

- a serious tone
- Standard grammar and punctuation
- complex vocabulary (can sound old-fashioned)
- long, complicated sentences

Does not use

- contractions of words (I am → I'm)
- slang words
- idioms
- abbreviations
- numbers

Informal language

"I'm knackered. I wanna kip asap," moaned Dan the builder. "I need to hit the sack by 12".

Uses

- a playful tone
- non-Standard grammar and punctuation
- simple vocabulary
- short and simple sentences

Uses

- contractions (I am → I'm)
- slang words
- idioms
- abbreviations

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Write if the statement shows formal (F) or informal (I) language

simple vocabulary	
Standard grammar and punctuation	
playful tone	
use of numbers and abbreviations	
long and complicated sentences	
no use of contractions	
use of slang words and idioms	
non-Standard grammar and punctuation	
complex vocabulary	
short and simple sentences	
no use of numbers and abbreviations	
serious tone	
use of contractions	
no use of slang words or idioms	

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Answers

simple vocabulary	I
Standard grammar and punctuation	F
playful tone	I
use of numbers and abbreviations	I
long and complicated sentences	F
no use of contractions	F
use of slang words and idioms	I
non-Standard grammar and punctuation	I
complex vocabulary	F
short and simple sentences	I
no use of numbers and abbreviations	F
serious tone	F
use of contractions	I
no use of slang words or idioms	F

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1) Write two sentences using a formal tone

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Change the sentences into informal language

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2) Write two sentences using an informal tone

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Change the sentences into formal language

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