





### Steps to Success

Date	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
Subject/s	English Imitate
Learning Objective 	To write in informal and formal language

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Success Criteria 	I know formal vocabulary is used when the audience is unknown		
	I know the verbs often change when changing between informal and formal		
	I can use a thesaurus to identify formal synonyms		
Support	Independent	Adult Support ( )	Group Work

Watch the video and/or read the Teacher Led, then complete the task.

<b>Formal</b> Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>talking to the headteacher</li> <li>presenting an award</li> <li>writing a letter of complaint</li> <li>writing a report</li> </ul>
<b>Informal</b> Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>talking to friends</li> <li>talking on the phone to gran</li> <li>writing an email to a cousin</li> <li>sending a text to a friend</li> <li>writing a personal diary</li> </ul>

## What Are Formal and Informal Language?

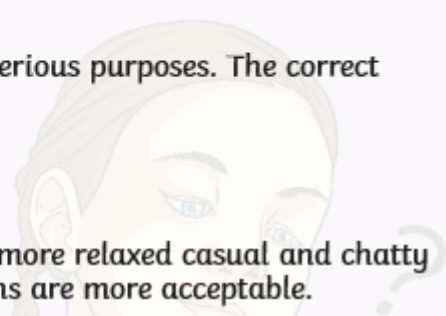
Can you write definitions for 'formal' and 'informal' language?

### 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. Slang words and abbreviations are more acceptable.



# What Are Formal and Informal Language? Answers

formal

uses specific vocabulary for the subject

uses the correct grammar and punctuation

has a more serious tone

often uses complex sentence structures

informal

use more contractions and abbreviations (e.g. it's or TV)

is clear and to the point

has a more 'chatty' tone

uses clichés (e.g. raining cats and dogs)

uses text-style words (lol)

## Formal or Informal Vocabulary

Some vocabulary is more formal, whereas other is more informal in tone. Can you match these formal and informal words with the same meanings (synonyms)?

Formal

profession

injustice

sufficient

opportunity

sacrifice

immediately

Informal

now

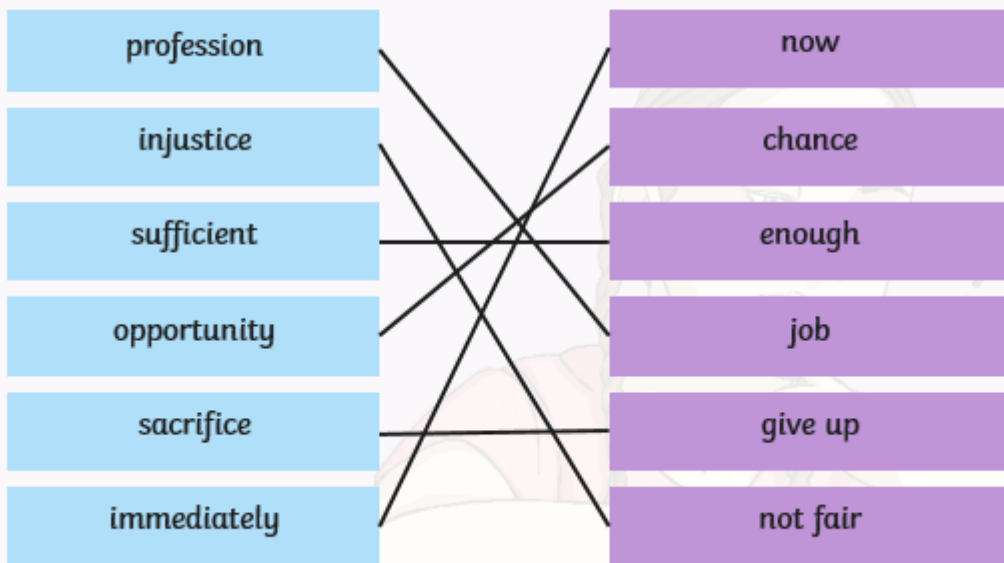
chance

enough

job

give up

not fair



a) Choose the correct option to make these sentences formal.

1. The Artful Dodger \_\_\_\_\_ Oliver. (approached/spoke to/went near/went up to)
2. Oliver was \_\_\_\_\_ when he was locked up. (upset/distressed/distraught/sad)
3. Mr Brownlow \_\_\_\_\_ Oliver from the streets of London. (protected/saved/sheltered/took)
4. Fagin \_\_\_\_\_ the boys and what they did. (controlled/bossed about/gave orders to/bullied)
5. The Artful Dodger was a \_\_\_\_\_. (criminal/thief/rule breaker/robber)
6. Oliver was \_\_\_\_\_. (innocent/not guilty/blameless/not to blame)

## Answers

1. The Artful Dodger approached Oliver
2. Oliver was distraught/distressed when he was locked up.
3. Mr Brownlow protected/sheltered Oliver from the streets of London.
4. Fagin controlled the boys and what they did
5. The Artful Dodger was a criminal.)
6. Oliver was innocent/blameless

B) Now try changing this text into more formal language.

### Written statement.

Hi, my name is Mr Thomson. By trade I am a banker, and I had the **bad luck** to witness the **horrible robbing** in the square. Now, I was **going** to the bookshop to buy a present for my son, and I **went** to Mr Brown's in the square, the one opposite the greengrocer. I was looking in the window, when another **guy** came and stood next to me. He was a gentleman for **sure**, smartly dressed.

We were both looking at the books for less than a minute, when, without reason, the gentleman looks around. I couldn't at all tell you why. Just behind him a few feet away, is this boy, **grabbing** a handkerchief, walking carefully away. The gentleman **screams** after him, and he **pegs it**. We all ran, following this **little lad** down the street, into an alleyway, where a man **grabbed** him by the wrist. He dropped the handkerchief and got arrested **on the spot**. Now, I do hope you take him to trial. I have my **worries** you see, as when I got home I checked my back pocket my handkerchief had vanished from my own back pocket. He's guilty for sure, caught red-handed.