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Formal vs. Informal English

Today's Standard

2.L.3a - Compare formal and informal uses of English

Cues	Notes
Formal language	Formal language is used in professional and academic settings.
Informal language	Informal language is used in casual and social settings.
Context	Context determines whether to use formal or informal language.
Examples of formal language	Examples of formal language: job interviews, presentations.
Examples of informal language	Examples of informal language: texts to friends, casual conversations.

Summary

Understanding the difference between formal and informal language helps students communicate effectively in various contexts. Formal language is used in professional and academic settings, while informal language is used in casual and social settings.