

Cornell (Note

Formal vs. Informal English Contexts

Today's Standard

4.L.3c - Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).

Cues	Notes
Formal Language	Formal language is structured and follows specific rules.
Informal Language	Informal language is more relaxed and conversational.
Contexts	Different contexts require different language styles.
Examples	Examples include presentations (formal) and chatting with friends (informal).
Misconceptions	
	Misconceptions include thinking informal language is never appropriate in school.

Summary

Understanding when to use formal and informal language helps students communicate effectively in various situations.