



Formal vs. Informal English

Today's Standard

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

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a letter to a principal vs. a text to a friend; Classroom presentation vs. casual conversation; Job interview vs. talking at a playground

Today I Learned

Today we learned about formal and informal English. Formal English is used in serious situations like talking to a teacher, while informal English is used with friends.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think formal language is only for writing, but it's also for speaking in serious situations. Others think informal language is bad, but it's okay to use with friends.

Quiz Me

- When do we use formal language?
- Can you give an example of informal language?
- Is it okay to use informal language with friends?
- What is an example of formal language?
- Why is it important to know the difference?

Help Me

We use formal English when talking to teachers or writing a letter to the principal. We use informal English when talking to friends or writing a text message. Knowing when to use each helps us communicate better.