

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).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Giving a presentation at school; Talking with friends during recess; Writing a letter to a principal; Texting a family member; Participating in a classroom debate; Emailing a teacher

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about when to use formal and informal English. Formal English is for serious situations, like giving a speech. Informal English is for casual talks, like chatting with friends.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think they should never use informal language at school, but it's okay in group work. Others might think formal language is only for writing, but it's also for speaking in important situations.

Quiz Me

- When do you use formal language?
- Can you give an example of informal language?
- Is it okay to use informal language in a group discussion?
- Why is formal language important?
- Can you think of a time you used formal language?

Help Me

Formal English is used when you need to be serious, like talking to a teacher. Informal English is used when talking to friends. Knowing when to use each helps you talk better with different people.