



Formal vs. Informal English

Today's Standard

4.SL.6 - Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 4 Language standards 1 here for specific expectations.)

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Presenting a project to the class using formal language.; Engaging in a casual conversation with friends using informal language.; Writing a formal letter to a school principal.; Discussing a book in a small group using informal language.

Today I Learned

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

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think formal language is always better, but that's not true. Others think informal language means using slang, but it doesn't have to.

Quiz Me

- When should you use formal language?
- When is it okay to use informal language?
- Can you give an example of formal language?
- Can you give an example of informal language?
- Why is it important to know the difference?

Help Me

Formal English is for serious talks, like giving a speech. Informal English is for talking with friends. Knowing when to use each helps you communicate better.