

## Informal or Formal?

We use different words for different places and situations. Some words are casual or informal. These words are best used in spoken conversations and discussions. In writing, it is better to use more formal words.

Informal example: I was like, "Who do you think you are?"

Formal example: I said, "Who do you think you are?"

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Below are sentences. Some have formal words, some use informal words. For the formal sentences, write formal in the blank. For the informal sentences, write informal in the blank.

1) The fam wants the kids home early.

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2) The summer vacation is too short.

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3) Well, many folks agree with the law.

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4) His teacher gave a science test on Tuesday.

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5) The club members elected a president.

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6) Her brother had a melt down because she borrowed his phone.

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7) The school bus arrived early at the library.

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8) The TV is busted.

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## Informal and Formal Writing

Some words are fine for informal conversations and discussions. For formal writing, however, they should not be used.

**Informal example:** Her dad worked at a factory.

**Formal example:** Her father worked at a factory.

The word *dad* is used in a familiar way, which makes it sound informal. *Father* is a better word to use in formal writing.

Below are sentences that have informal words in them. Circle the informal word or words and rewrite the sentence in a formal style.

- 1) They bought an awesome house around the corner.

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- 2) There were lots of people at the museum.

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- 3) Jane ain't going to tell anyone.

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- 4) Oscar started freaking out about the test.

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- 5) When the cops arrived, the crook ran outside.

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- 6) He checked his cell for any messages.

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- 7) The family chilled by the pool all afternoon.

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- 8) She bought a bunch of stuff at the mall.

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