



WALT: Master Formal and Informal Writing

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Last time we already looked at these two definitions today it's now your turn. If you need a recap go back and have a look at what they mean. Explain it in your own words.

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I heard the government said, people should be aware about their diet and exercise habits.

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Jez is correct because...the letter includes contracted words (I'm, I've) and informal vocabulary e.g. pretty bad, crash, give us ta etc.

Task time

Safe: do task 1

Stretch: do task 1 and 2

S.Stretch: do all the tasks.

Y5 Thursday Formal and Informal Grammar Tasks

Task 1

- Read the sentences below and decide if it is formal or informal; then explain why:
 - We have visited the cinema on many occasions and we shall continue to do so.*
 - I'm going on a school trip to a museum next week which is awesome.*
- Here is a letter to a friend, underline the part that you think are too formal, then edit it so that it is informal.
Hi there, are you looking forward to your birthday? I may well be able to attend after all which is marvellous. Is there something you would like me to purchase for you as a gift?
- Here is a leaflet, underline the parts that you think are too informal, then edit it so that it is formal:
The beach is lush and is pretty close to the hotel. The food's ok, but the rooms are ace! The pool is way too busy, but the receptions desk is open all the time.

Task 2

With each of these documents say if you agree or disagree and **explain how you know**:

- Do you think Katie's note is too informal to send to her mum?

Hi Miss,
Katie isn't feeling
great today so
can she give P.E a
miss?
Ta,
Katie's mum

- Do you think Amelia's writing is too formal to apply for the job?

Dear Sir / Madam,
I am writing to enquire whether there are any vacancies in your office for someone to work three days a week. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.
Yours sincerely,
Amelia Barker

- Do you think Helen's writing is too informal to send to her friend?

Good Morning!
I trust this text finds you well. I wonder if you will be able to accompany me to the cinema this evening to participate in an evening of entertainment.
Regards, Helen

- Do you think Jenny's writing is too informal to send to her friend?

Greetings!
What a truly splendid time we are having here! The views are spectacular and the cuisine is exquisite. Until we meet again.... J x

- Do you think Louise's writing is too formal to leave as a note on the fridge?

Good morrow to you, I beseech you recall our recent confabulation whereupon you agreed to cook this eventides banquet.
Most humble regards,
Mama

- Do you think Verity's writing is too informal for her report?

'...Polar bears are in a mighty bad way and things are looking shady for them. Global warming has stuck it to them bad and they'll be done for if things don't change. I reckon there won't be an Arctic in the future...'

Task 3

Write two letters: one to a friend (informal) maybe someone from the class, and to someone official (formal) like your local supermarket, hospital, post officer thanking them for continuing to work in such challenging circumstances.