

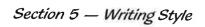
Formal and informal writing

Formal writing can sound quite serious, but informal writing is chattier and friendlier. When you're writing something important, you'll need to use formal writing.

1.		Inderline the parts of these sentences which make them questions, and then rewrite each sentence in formal English.	Speech can be formal or informal too — just like writing.			
	They do like chocolate cake, don't they?					
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	Julia will be angry if she misses the start of the race, won't she?					

	Ali	If this snow will slow them down, don't you think?				
	••••					
2.	Tic	ck the version of each sentence which is written in formal English.				
	a.	These geese are driving I find these geese extremely me crazy! annoying.				
	b.	It is very hot in here. It's boiling in here!				
	C.	You enjoyed feeding the kangaroos, didn't you? Did you enjoy feeding the kangaroos?				
3.	Con	mplete the sentences below with a verb in the subjunctive form.				
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C	Grami	nmagators are always on top form when they're				





using formal English. How did you find this page?

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Mixed practice

Have you got the hang of writing styles? Give these questions a go, and see how you get on.

1. Underline the sentences in Non-Standard English in the passage below.

My teacher, Mr Brigley, won an award for a production he was in last week. I seen the play, and it were really good. I've told my friends and my parents all about it. They're all gonna go see it, but I dunno when. Mr Brigley is a bit embarrassed about it all. He says he ain't used to all the attention he's bin getting. It been in all the newspapers, and he were even on TV.

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2.	Match each sentence to the correct label below.		
	There's no way I'm going with her!		
	There's no way thir going with her:	4	
	We do not have any beavers.	informal	
	vve do not have any beavers.		
	I would be happier if he were here.		
	I would be happier if the were here.		
	Gunter'll give me a call later.	formal	
	Guiller II give file a call later.		
3	Tick the sentences below that contain a verb in the subju-	unctive form.	
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	a. Things would be much better organised if Abby were	e in cnarge.	
	L. There was also as left as we had baked been in	actored	
	b. There was no cheese left, so we had baked beans in	isteau.	
	c. Marian and Paula were planning to go to the library a	after school	
	c. Manan and Fadia were planning to go to the library to	arter gorioor.	
	d. If I were a millionaire, I would buy my own zoo.		
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	e. It is essential that Jeremy pay attention during the tra	aining course.	
	f. You would have enjoyed the film — it was really funn	y.	