

Year 4 English Distance Teaching and Learning

Week beginning: 8th June 2020

Lesson 1		
Learning Intention WALT: identify and use formal and informal language	Key Vocabulary: Antonym: a word that means the opposite Formal language: used for more official and serious purposes. Informal language: a more relaxed casual and chatty style.	What you will need: Pen Lined paper/English book Challenges Pencil Ruler Lesson 1 video

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Play antonym splat

Remember, an antonym is a word that means the opposite

<http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/2011-12/english/reading-games/antonym-splat/index.html>



Antonym Splat

See if you can find all the antonyms (opposites) in this word game.

Flash

What is Formal and Informal Language?

Can you write definitions for 'formal' and 'informal' language?

Formal Language

Formal language is used for more official and serious purposes. The correct grammar should always be used.

Informal Language

In **informal** situations and informal writing, a more relaxed casual and chatty style can be used. Slang words and abbreviations are more acceptable.

Using informal and formal language

Think about how you would answer your best friend if they asked you what you did at the weekend.

Now think about how you would answer the same question if your head teacher asked you instead.

How would each answer be different?

We often use **formal** language when we write. However, there are times where writing can be **informal**, like when we're writing text messages, emails, postcards or letters to friends.

We use **informal** language more when we speak, but there are also times where it is expected that we speak formally. For example, in a classroom presentation or when meeting someone new.

Sort the following criteria into formal or informal language conventions:

is clear and to the point	use more contractions and abbreviations (e.g. it's or TV)	has a more serious tone
has a more 'chatty' tone	uses the correct grammar and punctuation	uses text-style words (lol)
uses specific vocabulary for the subject	uses clichés (e.g. raining cats and dogs)	often uses complex sentence structures

(See mark

scheme)

Formal and informal language are more suited to different situations. Can you sort the following situations into the correct place in the table, according to which style of language would be more suitable?

presenting an award	talking to the headteacher	writing a letter of complaint
talking to friends	talking on the phone to gran	writing an email to a cousin
writing a report	sending a text to a friend	writing a personal diary

Formal Language	
Informal Language	

(See mark scheme)

Formal or Informal Vocabulary

Some vocabulary is more formal, whereas other is more informal in tone. Can you match these formal and informal words with the same meanings (synonyms)?

Formal	Informal
profession	now
injustice	chance
sufficient	enough
opportunity	job
sacrifice	give up
immediately	not fair

(See mark scheme)

Formal or Informal?

Read the following emails and decide whether they are **formal** or **informal**:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you of my upset when I opened the lucky dip bag I had recently purchased with my own pocket money.

I was disappointed to find that my favourite toy brand had been replaced with an inadequate copy, which even had pieces missing.

I shall expect to be fully compensated for the distress and inconvenience this experience has caused me and hope that you send a replacement promptly.

Yours sincerely,
Miss F. James

Hi Kerry,

You know the lucky dip bag I bought when we went into town yesterday? Well, you'll never believe what happened when I opened it – there was a broken, copy of the toy instead of the real thing!

I was so shocked and annoyed that I've emailed the company to tell them what I think.

I hope they send me a new one ASAP so I can complete the set.

Was your pack ok? I hope so.

C u soon,
Frankie

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Independent Tasks

Challenge 1

1. Read the speech below and highlight the formal vocabulary. You should be able to find around 10 examples.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I am delighted to welcome you to the twenty-fifth annual charity ball. As you are all eminently aware the funds raised at our previous charity ball events have enabled us to support numerous charitable organisations in their worthwhile endeavours.

2. Now write the words or phrases you have highlighted in the table below and use a dictionary to find out and write their meanings.

Formal Word or Phrase	Meaning

3. Read the speech below. Can you write the next paragraph? Make sure you keep the same informal style. When you have finished highlight some examples of informal vocabulary you have used.

Hi. Thanks for coming tonight mate. You know how good our other balls have been - we've raised loads of money and helped lots of different charities.

Challenge 2

1. Read the speech below and highlight the formal vocabulary.
You should be able to find around 10 examples.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I am delighted to welcome you to the twenty-fifth annual charity ball. As you are all eminently aware the funds raised at our previous charity ball events have enabled us to support numerous charitable organisations in their worthwhile endeavours.

2. Now can you write the next paragraph of the speech keeping to the same formal style?
3. Highlight 5 examples of formal words or phrases you have used and write their meanings in the table.

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4. Read the speech below. Can you write the next paragraph? Make sure you keep the same informal style. When you have finished highlight some examples of informal vocabulary you have used.

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Challenge 3

1. Imagine you are the headteacher of your school and it is your job to prepare a speech welcoming the new reception children and their parents to the school. The speech should be written in a formal style using official vocabulary where necessary. When you have finished highlight 5 examples of formal words or phrases you have used and write them alongside their meanings in the table below.

Good afternoon parents...

Formal Word or Phrase	Meaning

2. Imagine you have been given the job of welcoming the new reception children to your school and you have been asked to speak to them about what it is like at school.

Write down what you could say in the space below. Remember to write in an informal style using age-appropriate vocabulary.

Hello boys and girls...

3. Now highlight 5 examples of informal words or phrases you have used. Write them in the table below alongside a formal word or phrase which means a similar thing, e.g. 'really fun' could be 'most enjoyable' if speaking in a more formal style.

Informal Word or Phrase	Formal Word or Phrase

Challenge X

1. Sort the vocabulary according to the situation

Speech to the
queen

Chat with
friends

disastrous

opportunity

marvellous

delighted to
meet you

weary

Are you ok?

shattered

great to see
you

well cool

2. Oliver says that Jenny's writing is too formal to send to her friend.
Do you agree? Explain how you know.



Learning Review

Which of these sentences is formal. Explain how you know.

We have visited the library on many occasions and we shall continue to do so.

I'm going on a school trip to the theme park next week which is really cool!

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I am *delighted* to welcome you to the twenty-fifth *annual* charity ball. As you are all *eminently aware* the *funds* raised at our *previous* charity ball events have *enabled* us to *support numerous charitable organisations* in their *worthwhile endeavours*.

- 2.

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ladies	women
gentlemen	Honourable man
delighted	Very happy
annual	Occurring once very year
eminently	To a notable degree, very
aware	Having knowledge of a situation
funds	A sum of money saved
previous	Existing or occurring before
enabled	Adapted for use
support numerous	Help many
charitable organisations	A body of people to help others
Worthwhile endeavours	Trying hard to achieve something helpful

WAGOLL (what a good one looks like)

3. When you have finished highlight some examples of informal vocabulary you have used.

Hi. Thanks for *coming* tonight *mate*. *You know* how good our other balls have been – *we've* raised *loads* of money and helped *lots* of different charities.

The paragraph should be continued and informal words highlighted

Challenge 2

1. Read the speech below and highlight the formal vocabulary.

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2. The paragraph should be continued using appropriate formal vocabulary and grammar.

3. 5 formal words should be highlighted and their meanings found.

4. WAGOLL (What a good one looks like)

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Challenge 3

1. WAGOLL (What a good one looks like)

Good afternoon parents, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your child to our school community. At Bowmansgreen, we take a special pride in developing a strong partnership between school and home and look forward to working closely together to ensure your child's time at school is both fulfilling and rewarding...

5 words or phrases should be highlighted and their meaning written.



2. WAGOLL (What a good one looks like)

Hello boys and girls, I hope you're all feeling excited about starting school at Bowmansgreen, I just want to tell you a bit about what to expect on your first day. Your classroom will seem really big at first but don't worry you'll soon get used to it. You'll have a peg for your coat and bag and it will have your name on it and a picture so that you will remember it is yours...

Challenge X

1. **Speech to the queen: disastrous, delighted to meet you, opportunity, weary, marvellous**
Chat with friends: shattered, great to see you, Are you ok? well cool
2. **Oliver is correct as the postcard includes formal language such as: truly splendid, spectacular, cuisine, exquisite etc. which is not how we would speak to a friend.**

Learning Review

We have visited the library on many occasions and we shall continue to do so.

I know that it is written in a formal tone because it uses formal language such as 'occasions' instead of 'times', 'visited' instead of 'been to' and 'continue' instead of 'carry on'.