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Formal versus Informal English Word List (SL.5.6)

Formal English is used most often when you do not know a person or are meeting them for the first time. You pronounce words more carefully and don't use as many contractions such as aren't, isn't, wasn't. . . You may want to know formal English to read a book, write a letter, resume, or invitation.

Informal English is used in everyday conversations and in personal writing such as letters, emails, or texts. Sentences tend to be simpler and shorter. Examples may include, hey, wrong, howdy, holla, cool, awesome.

Directions: Read each sentence and label it formal or informal.

Example A: Let us go to the park today to throw our Frisbee.

Answer: Formal

1. Can you pass the potatoes please? _____
2. I am having a very good day today. _____
3. Yo, look at that zebra in the cage! _____
4. Your hair looks very nice today. _____
5. That movie was awesome! _____
6. Dude, where's my car? _____
7. Are you going to the rehearsal dinner tonight? _____
8. I haven't eaten a thing for awhile. _____
9. Holla if you hear me! _____
10. Good morning, my name is John. _____
11. Mmmmm! Oh, nice to sleep. _____

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