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FORMAL VS INFORMAL ENGLISH

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, wassup, howdy, holla, cool, awesome....

Read each sentence and label it formal or informal.

Can you pass the potatoes please? _____

That movie was awesome! _____

Dude, where's my car? _____

Are you going to the rehearsal dinner tonight? _____

Mornin' sir, nice to see ya. _____

Your hair looks very nice today. _____

I haven't eaten a thing for awhile. _____

I am having a very good day today. _____

Yo, look at that zebra in the cage! _____

Holla if you hear me! _____

Good morning, my name is John. _____