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Formal vs. Informal Language

How we talk and write depends a lot on who we are talking or writing to. Certain situations require formal language, while in other situations informal language is fine.

Directions: Each picture below represents a person you might be speaking to. Beside each picture are two sentences. One of the sentences uses formal language, the other uses informal language. Choose the correct sentence depending on the context provided by the picture. Write its letter on the line.



- _____ 1. A. Yes, I do like turkey.
B. Oh yeah, I sure do like turkey!



- _____ 2. A. Hey Prez! I want to ask you about education.
B. Mr. President, I would like to ask about education.



- _____ 3. A. Slow down already, would ya?
B. Would you please slow down?



- _____ 4. A. Get over here quick! I've got something to show you!
B. Please come quickly. I have something for you to see.



- _____ 5. A. I bet this must be the happiest day of my life.
B. I believe this is the happiest day of my life.