

For The Prom

Formal English is usually used when you do not know someone or you are just meeting them. In those situations, you tend to pronounce words more carefully and don't use as many contractions such as *aren't, isn't, or wasn't*. You already use formal English every day when you read a book, write a letter, resume, or invitation.

Informal English is usually used in everyday conversations and in personal writing to people you knew well, such as letters, emails, or texts. In informal writing, sentences are often simpler and shorter. Examples of informal words are *hey, wassup, howdy, cool, and awesome*.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Identify whether it uses formal or informal English. Write **formal** or **informal** on the line.

Would you wear a sweat suit to the prom?



1. The professor lectured for two hours. _____
2. Jim didn't know how to express his gratitude. _____
3. Yasmine never shuts her trap. _____
4. We politely declined the invitation. _____
5. I'm going to put my money on Paul. _____
6. Ryan accepted our invitation with feigned indifference. _____
7. Everyone involved in the project was enthusiastic. _____
8. Mark, lend me a hand, will ya? _____
9. Our research suggests that it is inadvisable. _____
10. Shoot! We're going to be late! _____
11. The tomatoes always ripen in July. _____
12. Beat it. We're busy. _____