

Match the Moment

Choose words that fit the situation.

4.LU "The student will use the conventions of Standard English when speaking and writing, differentiating between contexts that call for formal English and situations where informal discourse is more appropriate. Grammar Produce, expand..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

FORMAL ENGLISH

Use formal English when you speak to adults in official settings or write an important message. Choose polite, respectful words.

Pardon, Ranger Diaz. Please point toward the trail.

CASUAL ENGLISH

Use casual English when you talk with friends or family in relaxed settings. Your words can sound friendly and everyday.

Let's build a blanket fort in the living room.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each sentence, circle FORMAL or CASUAL, then choose two items and explain what makes each one fit its category.

1. Hey, Jordan, do you want to play outside?

FORMAL

CASUAL

2. That movie was totally awesome!

FORMAL

CASUAL

3. Excuse me, Dr. Chen. Could you repeat that?

FORMAL

CASUAL

4. See you at the bus stop!

FORMAL

CASUAL

5. Mom, can we make pancakes tonight?

FORMAL

CASUAL

6. Dear Mr. Flores, I would like to join the art club.

FORMAL

CASUAL

7. Can I borrow your skateboard, Ben?

FORMAL

CASUAL

8. Thank you for your help, Ms. Reed.

FORMAL

CASUAL

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new FORMAL example and one new CASUAL example.

FORMAL _____

CASUAL _____

CHALLENGE

Write a casual request, then rewrite it as a formal request using may or could.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Hey, Jordan, do you want to play outside?	CASUAL	It is a friendly question for a peer.
2	That movie was totally awesome!	CASUAL	The word totally awesome has a casual tone.
3	Excuse me, Dr. Chen. Could you repeat that?	FORMAL	It politely addresses an adult using a title.
4	See you at the bus stop!	CASUAL	It is a relaxed message between people who know each other.
5	Mom, can we make pancakes tonight?	CASUAL	It is a casual question to a family member.
6	Dear Mr. Flores, I would like to join the art club.	FORMAL	It uses a respectful greeting and a polite request.
7	Can I borrow your skateboard, Ben?	CASUAL	It is a friendly question to a peer.
8	Thank you for your help, Ms. Reed.	FORMAL	It uses respectful words and an adult's title.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FORMAL:** Good morning, Coach Allen. May I speak with you after practice?
- **CASUAL:** Let's meet by the swings!

Challenge: CASUAL: Pass me the crayons, please. FORMAL: Could you please pass me the crayons?

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 are CASUAL. Items 3, 6, and 8 are FORMAL. For Part 2, accept explanations that name the audience, setting, polite language, or casual language.