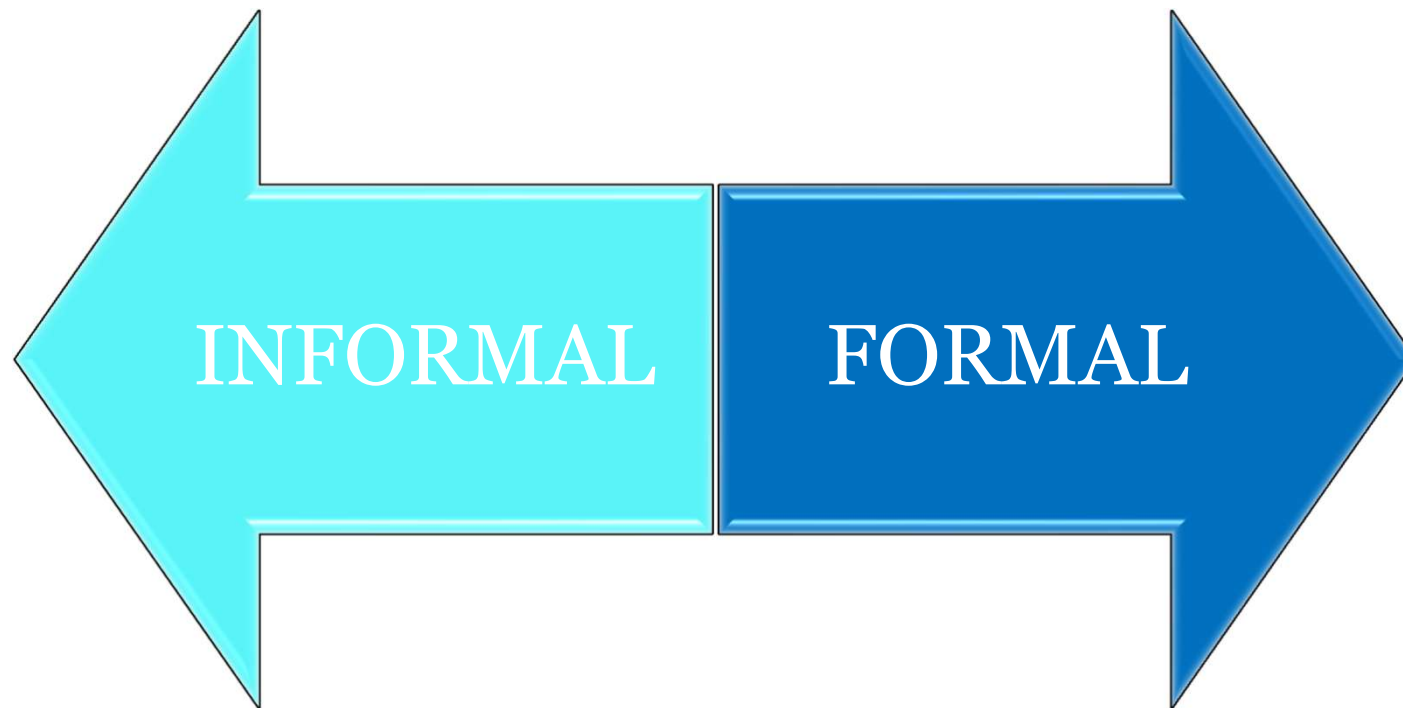


# Who are you talking to?



Or...

Whaddya mean I'm talkin' posh??



# A. What type of language would you use if you were...

- Giving the best man's speech at a wedding
- A father scolding a child
- A Shakespearean actor
- Whispering to a friend in the cinema
- Greeting a neighbour on the road
- Reporting at a meeting of the School Council
- On the phone to your mum
- An actor in a soap

- A stand up comedienne

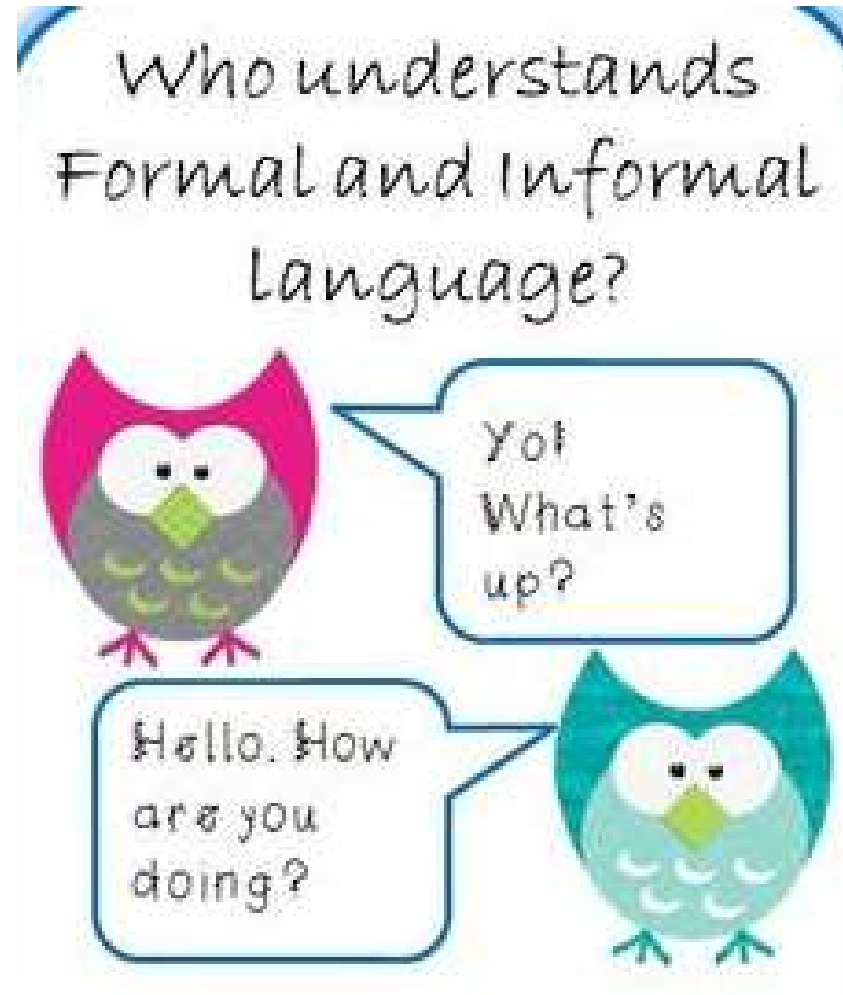


## B. Pair each of the following sentences with their intended audience.

- "What lesson do we have next?"
- "Sorry I'm late Sir."
- "I am an effective communicator and I work well with others."
- "What ya doin Friday? Still goin to pics?"
- "I'll do it later, honest."

- An employer
- A peer / acquaintance
- A close friend
- A teacher
- A parent

# What makes this formal / informal ?



## Comparing Formal / informal

1. Owing to circumstances beyond our control, these stairs are unavailable for public use. Students are requested to avail of the windows.

The stairs are slippery. Climb out the window!

2. The deadline for entry submissions is Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

We've reached the last chance saloon, we've got until Friday to get our skates on.



3. The mechanic observed that the car had been poorly maintained and was in a state of disrepair.

Ah the motor was a complete banger, it wouldn't even do my granny for her shopping, the state of it.

4. The food at our local restaurant La Tomatina is widely regarded and the mid-range prices are very reasonable.

Dinner is for a song, and the yummy deserts are a real bargain at that Spanish place.

Lets look today at 1 type of formal writing.....





# Writing Obituaries



# About whom am I talking...?

- He was the first President of the United States of America, and the capital city is now named in his honour.
- He became known as the King of Pop after having lots of famous hits, including *Bad* and *Thriller*.
- As the longest-reigning monarch of the country, and ruling over the whole British Empire, this woman became Queen back in 1837.



George Washington



Michael Jackson



Queen Victoria

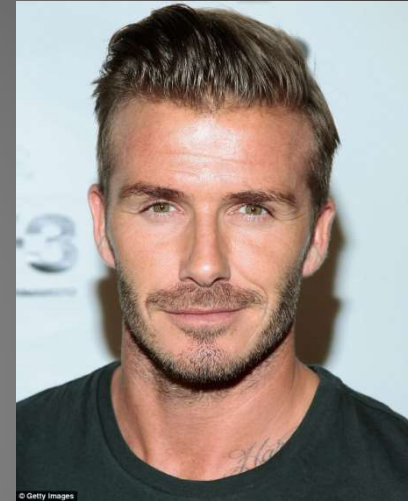
What might you say about...



Winston  
Churchill



Nelson  
Mandela



David  
Beckham

# Obituaries



Rosa Parks died Monday

## Rosa Parks inspired generation

Rockford Register Star staff and wire reports

The death of Rosa Parks on Tuesday at her home in Detroit was but the latest sign that the

### Obituary

## A President youthful but enigmatic too

President Kennedy was, in many respects, an enigma to his contemporaries, and he is likely to remain equally enigmatic to future historians.

He was the youngest President ever elected—yet in spite of a certain youthful panache, his political style was on the whole curiously sedate.

His personality was reserved and he found it difficult to express his emotions in public—yet he was a professional politician to his fingertips.

Like Roosevelt, he was a man of great wealth who joined the liberal wing of his party out of conviction rather than inherited sentiment—he never simulated the passion and drive of Roosevelt's liberalism or identified himself, in the way that Roosevelt did, with the aspirations of ordinary Americans.

In the last resort the rest of his mind was pragmatic, not ideological; and his liberalism, though sincere, was of the head, not of the heart.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born in Massachusetts in 1917. The history of his family could serve as a case study of the social evolution which has transformed the position of America's ethnic minorities during the last forty years. His maternal grandfather, John Fitzgerald, an Irish immigrant, was a successful

successful bully. In the event, she looked like a weak and unsuccessful one.

Cuba apart, however, Kennedy's foreign policy deserved—and on the whole received—the support of liberal opinion in his own country and in the rest of the world as well. His international aims can be considered under three heads. In the first place he had to hold the line against renewed Soviet pressure in Europe, and to prevent the NATO alliance from disintegrating under that pressure. Secondly, he showed more anxiety than any of his predecessors had done to reach agreements with the Soviet Union on disarmament and on banning nuclear weapons.

That proved impossible, he wished at least to minimize the dangers of accidental nuclear war, and of the escalation of a conventional war into a nuclear one, by changes in American defence policy. Finally, he realised the necessity for a more vigorous programme of aid to the underdeveloped world, both in order to prevent the spread of communism and on moral grounds.

Cordially



### Three issues

The campaign that followed was fought on three acknowledged issues and one unacknowledged one. The acknowledged issues were the slack state of the American economy; the need for vigorous leadership in Washington to "get America moving again" and to rally the Western alliance; and the alleged inexperience of the Democratic candidate, in contrast to Vice-President Nixon's supposed political maturity. The unacknowledged issue was, of course, Kennedy's Roman Catholic faith.

## DIANA Princess of Wales 1961-1997



## PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN FATHER OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS

Professor Albert Einstein, the greatest scientist of modern times, died in hospital at Princeton, New Jersey, on April 18 at the age of 76. He had lived a secluded life for some years, though he had been a member of the staff of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton University.

Albert Einstein was born at Ulm, in Württemberg, on March 14, 1879. A year later his family moved to Munich, where they remained until he was 13. His parents were Jewish, but few Jewish usages were observed in his home. He was slow in learning to talk, and at the Catholic elementary school which he first attended was known as Biedmeier ("Honest John"). Both here and at the Luitpold gymnasium, where the educational system was rigid, he saw little difference between school and barracks. His father, Hermann, had a small electro-chemical factory, but he had a greater genius for living than he had for success. Failing in Munich he had to leave for Switzerland.

As a result of these efforts he became a Privatdozent at Bern in 1908 and Professor extraordinarius at Zurich in 1909. In 1911 he became Professor of Theoretical Physics at Prague, but returned to Zurich to the corresponding post in 1912. During 1913 Planck and Nernst persuaded Einstein to go to Berlin as director of the projected research institute for physics, as a member of the Royal Prussian Academy of Science and as a professor in the University of Berlin—with no duties or obligations. He occupied this post until 1933.

The "General Theory of Relativity," published in 1916, was the fruit of many years of speculation by Einstein on the questions: "Can we distinguish the effects of gravitation and of acceleration?" and "Are light rays bent by gravity?" To answer these questions he was led to build a great mathematical theory, which needs no further explanation.

## KING GEORGE

## A Lifetime of Service to the Nation

## LEADERSHIP IN PEACE AND WAR

Albert Frederick Arthur George, the second son of King George V, succeeded to the throne as George VI in December, who was then nearing the end of his training there, has recalled how, since a senior could not with dignity be seen

# What is an obituary?

- An obituary is a notice or announcement, especially in a newspaper, of a person's death, often with a short account of their life. It is often the first thing many people read in the news each day and may be the last word written about a person's life



# Bugs Bunny

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He will be sorely missed



# What must it include

- 1. Date of death

This is the one part of an obituary that is absolutely necessary. You really cannot submit an obituary without stating that the person has passed away. You may also want to include where, how, and the age the person was at the time of death

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## 2. Life Story

- There are many aspects of a person's life story that you may want to include. Decide what you feel is most important and then try to put these things in chronological order.

-When and where the person was born

-Things about his/her childhood

-Education history (schools attended, degrees obtained, etc.)

-Who they married and when

-Where they lived and how long they lived in each place

-How many children they had

-Employment history

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# Personality

You probably will find that you really want to convey what type of person your loved one was. To do this, you could include any of the following:

- Personality Traits (easy going, hospitable, compassionate, etc.)
- Things they were interested in or activities they enjoyed
- What they will be most remembered/missed for

# The family & service

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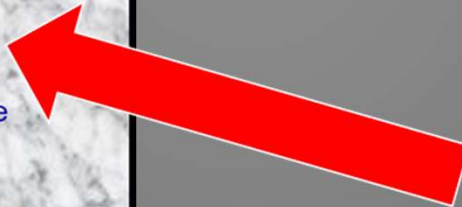
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- Who they leave behind
- Who attended the service ; where it was etc.



# Finally

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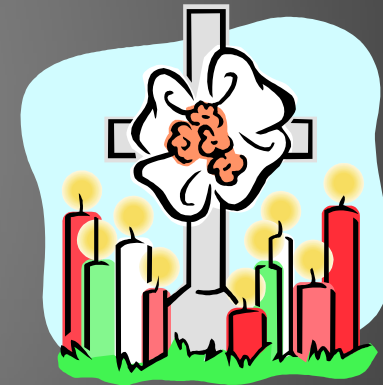
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- Quotes / memories from close friends



- Photograph

# Your task.....

- Your task is to plan and then write a short obituary for a famous person, character from film / tv or books; celebrating their life.
- You can research that character/person to make sure you get the correct information.

