WALT use formal and technical language.

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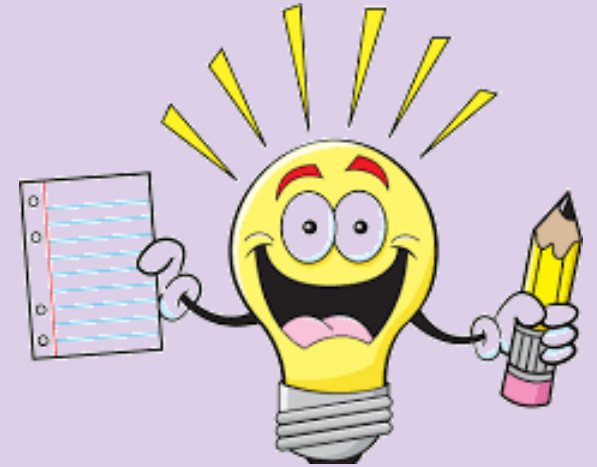
- Understand what formal means.

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"SPAG-tacular" hyphens.

What is a hyphen?

What is it used for?

We use hyphens for parenthesis – an additional piece of information – to draw attention to the parenthesis.

If we want the parenthesis to blend in, we use brackets instead.

Write a sentence with hyphens for parenthesis.

What is formal language? How is it different to informal language?

Watch this video to find out: https://safeyoutube.net/w/Za8M

Formal language is important when we are writing to inform someone of something, or to argue our case. It allows us to make our points clearly, whilst showing that we have knowledge of the subject.

Formal VS Informal

Informal:

The pretty ancient Egyptian items are great, so we should make sure we keep them. They're really nice to look at and beautiful. They're as old as a fossil from the beach.

Here, I've used an emphasis about their age which is not factual. I have included lots of opinions and contractions (they're).
I've given reasons I want to keep them, but they're all my own opinion without anything to evidence it, so it isn't very convincing or accurate.

Formal VS Informal

Formal:

The Ancient Egyptian items provide a window to the past, allowing historians to make exciting discoveries. Having these artefacts in museums allows us to protect their fragile structures, whilst making important discoveries about how the Ancient Egyptians lived.

*Here, I've used facts to back up any ideas used. I have used technical language (the most accurate word for what we are referring to – artefacts instead of thing; this is called **technical language**).*

Formal language has full sentences, with factual information.

You should not use contractions (words that are shortened like can't instead of can not).

You should use less descriptive language (the lovely Egyptian artefacts) and more factual language (the fragile Egyptian artefacts).

The people who are reading your argument want to know the facts, rather than your opinion.

Third person is most appropriate for formal language.

Today I would like you to write a for and an against paragraph for your argument, using formal language and the technical words for what you are talking about.

Write in full sentences, with correct punctuation.

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