

## Style – some differences between formal and informal English

<b>MORE FORMAL</b>	<b>MORE INFORMAL</b>
<b>SINGLE WORD VERBS – LONG VERBS (OFTEN WITH LATIN ORIGIN)</b> Participate Receive Calculate Organise Become angry Improve	<b>PHRASAL VERBS / GET</b>  Take part in Get Work out Get in order Get angry Get better
<b>INTENSIFIERS</b> Extremely, very e.g. I was extremely angry	<b>INTENSIFIERS</b> Really, sure e.g. I was really angry, I sure was angry (AmE)
<b>FORMAL CONNECTING WORDS*</b> Moreover, furthermore, in addition to Subsequently Therefore	<b>INFORMAL CONNECTING WORDS</b> And, also Next, then So
<b>IMPERSONAL CONSTRUCTIONS*</b> It is said that....	<b>ACTIVE CONSTRUCTIONS</b> They say that...
<b>ABSTRACT NOUNS*</b>  Is happiness possible during unemployment? After clarification of the problem areas...	<b>MODAL VERBS, ADJECTIVES, CLAUSES, ETC.</b> Can people be happy when they haven't got a job? After the bits that everyone was getting wrong had been explained....
<b>COMPLEX SENTENCES*</b> After placing the chemical in the fluid, it should be left for a short period.	<b>SIMPLE SENTENCES</b> Place the chemical in the fluid. Leave it for a short period.
<b>NO CONTRACTIONS</b> I will, I would like	<b>CONTRACTIONS</b> I'll, I'd like
<b>INDIRECT QUESTIONS</b> I wonder if you could tell me the costs... The question of why this is relevant can be answered.....	<b>DIRECT QUESTIONS</b> How much is it? Why is this a relevant question today?
<b>NO COLLOQUIALISMS / SLANG</b> As you might be aware, there are a number of poor children in that area.	<b>COLLOQUIALISMS / SLANG</b> You know, there are lots of poor kids in that area.
<b>PRECISE TERMS</b> e.g. what kind of tool	<b>VAGUE COLLECTIVE TERMS</b> e.g. the thing
<b>SOME PUNCTUATION</b> : ; e.g. The reasons for this include the following : the position.....	<b>SOME PUNCTUATION</b> ! ? e.g. I couldn't believe it!