

1) Explain the differences in meaning between each of these pairs of words.

Anniversary – birthday

Memory – souvenir

Cancel – postpone

Menu – set meal

Collaborate – cooperate

Noise – sound

Complement – compliment

Personal – personnel

Cook – cooker

Principal – principle

Desert – dessert

Receipt – recipe

Economic – economical

Rob – steal

Experience – experiment

Satisfactory – satisfying

Fantasy – imagination

Stationary – stationery

Historic – historical

Stranger – foreigner

Homework – housework

Sympathetic – likeable

Immigration – emigration

Tasteful – tasty

FORMAL LANGUAGE

1) Formal vs. informal writing. Look at these sentences and rewrite them into a more formal style.

a) It's important to do your homework

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b) Going to the amusement park was so cool!

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c) It doesn't take a genius to get this joke, Břeclav!

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d) Thanks for the package. That was a good idea.

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e) When you are preparing to cook a meal, wash your hands first.

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f) Lunch in the cafeteria today was horrible. It looked, smelled, and tasted real bad.

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g) Hey teach! I don't have no homework today, bro!

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h) I'm really sorry I forgot your birthday!

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i) I think that's fantastic news!

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j) You really must go to that Spanish restaurant.
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2) Look at the following sentences and find the correct answer.

a) *Which phrase is a formal apology?*

- 1) I'm really sorry I forgot your birthday.
- 2) Look, I just forgot, okay.
- 3) I would like to apologize for forgetting your birthday.

b) *Which of the following is an informal request for information?*

- 1) Send it to me immediately by attachment.
- 2) Can you send me a copy by email attachment?
- 3) I would really appreciate it if you could send me a copy by email attachment.

c) *Which sentence is a formal suggestion?*

- 1) We are having lunch in this Chinese restaurant.
- 2) I recommend having lunch in this Chinese restaurant.
- 3) Let's have lunch in this Chinese restaurant!

d) *Which sentence expresses formal enthusiasm?*

1) That's fantastic! Well done!

2) You're so lucky.

3) I would just like to say how pleased I am for you.

e) *Which of the following is an expression of thanks in an informal way?*

1) I would like to express my sincerest gratitude.

2) You shouldn't have bothered.

3) Thanks a lot. I'm much obliged.

f) *Which of the following is used to give instructions in a formal way?*

1) The first step would be to make a plan.

2) Now make a plan.

3) First you need to make a plan.

g) *Which phrase is for expressing a preference in a formal way?*

1) I would rather not do that.

2) I'm not doing that.

3) I don't want to do that.

GET – Phrasal Verb

1) Match the synonyms below to these sentences with *get*.

Annoy, arrive, attain, become, earn, fetch, have, manage, obtain, persuade, prepare, receive, start, understand.

1) I must get my hair cut.

2) He got someone else to do the work.

3) We all get old eventually.

4) It's upstairs, can you get it for me?

- 5) How much does she get a week?
- 6) It may be hard to get to see him.
- 7) He didn't get the joke.
- 8) Did you get my letter?
- 9) Will you get the meal ready?

- 10) When did you get there?
- 11) I'm trying to get a new car.
- 12) Did she get an A in the exam?
- 13) It's time to get going.
- 14) His attitude really gets me.

2) Rewrite these sentences, replacing the underlined phrases with the correct form of the appropriate expressions listed below.

GET: ahead, along/on with, at, at, away, back, going, into, down, me down, nowhere, on for, one's own back, out of, over, over/across, round to, through, together

- 1 She's a difficult person to have a friendly relationship with.
- 2 I tried phoning several times but I couldn't make contact.
- 3 It may be difficult to communicate these ideas to everyone.
- 4 I don't understand what you're implying.
- 5 Try not to let it depress you if someone criticizes you.
- 6 The lecturer spoke so fast that we couldn't write everything he said.
- 7 I don't want to take part in the show, but how can I avoid it?
- 8 They were unable to recover from the setback.
- 9 I hoped we could meet but we never managed to find the time.
- 10 It may take you a while to become involved in the book.
- 11 I haven't got time for a holiday but I hope to escape for a long weekend.
- 12 The only way to succeed in politics is to have the right connections.
- 13 We'd better start moving - it's nearly lunchtime.
- 14 Leave a message and I'll return your call.
- 15 Look, it's clear we're having no success, let's try a different plan.
- 16 He got his revenge by letting her car tires down.