1. **Discuss the difference in meaning in these sentences:**

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| A1. The police asked to see his papers.
2. I bought a paper on my way to work.
3. I bought the paper on my way to work.
4. I bought some paper on my way to work.
5. I bought paper on my way to work.

B1. It is a custom to give presents at birthdays.
2. All plane passengers were searched at the customs.

C1. She has a lot of experience in teaching.
2. We had lots of exciting experiences on our trip.
 | D1. The needle of a compass always points North.
2. You can draw a perfect circle with compasses.

E1. She has long, blonde hair.
2. She has a blonde hair.
3. She has some blonde hair.
4. She has blonde hairs.

F1. He was happy that he finally went to sea.
2. He was happy that he finally went to the sea.
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1. **Correct the mistakes:**
2. The police is searching for the stolen painting.
3. Twenty kilometres are too far to travel to school.
4. A very reliable means of transport are the train.
5. He gave me some advices on the project.
6. The criminal was sentenced to ten years in the prison.
7. I have three sister-in-laws.
8. The most people enjoy listening to the music.
9. The news are on TV at six o'clock every evening.
10. The money are insufficient to buy such an expensive car.
11. There are a lot of sheeps on the farm.

 Formal vs. Informal

**Choose the formal sentence.**

1. I would appreciate it if you arrive on time.

I’d be happy if you get here on time!

2) You really must watch this TV series!

I strongly recommend watching this TV series.

3) I would rather you deal with your kids before I call the cops!

I would rather you manage your children before I call the police.

4) She’s really sorry for breaking your favorite Harry Potter action figure.

The girl truly regrets the circumstances that lead to the unplanned dismantling of the Harry Potter action figure.

5) That was a really tough thing to deal with!

That was a truly difficult issue to manage.

**What features are typical of a formal register and which are characteristic of an informal register?**

| **Formal register** | **Informal register** |
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**First, read the email, then fill out the gaps with a linking word tat best fits each gap.**

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Subject: Questions Regarding Final Project Requirements

Dear Professor Lee,

I am currently in your "Database Management Systems" course and have really enjoyed the topics we’ve covered so far. (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I have a few questions regarding the final project requirements. I understand that our primary goal is to design a database system for a hypothetical client. (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there are a few details I’m still uncertain about.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, could you clarify whether we are allowed to use pre-existing database templates, or are we required to build the structure from scratch? I reviewed the guidelines; (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I couldn’t find any specific information on this topic. (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I would also appreciate any suggested resources on best practices for database security, as I believe this will be critical for our project.

(6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, if we choose to work in pairs, are there specific roles that you would prefer us to define within our teams? (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, are we required to submit a project proposal before beginning development, or is it acceptable to proceed directly with our chosen design?

(8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there seems to be a discrepancy in the deadline listed on the syllabus compared to the date on the project portal. Could you confirm the correct submission date?

Thank you for your time and support with these questions. I look forward to your feedback.

Best regards,
Jamie Chen

**Key:**

1. **However** – to transition into questions that contrast with the positive statement.
2. **Although** – to introduce uncertainty despite having an overall understanding.
3. **First** – to introduce the first specific question about the project.
4. **However** – to indicate the review didn’t provide the needed information.
5. **Furthermore** – to add an additional question about security resources.
6. **Secondly** – to indicate a second question, focusing on team roles.
7. **Additionally** – to introduce another query related to the project proposal.
8. **Finally** – to ask about the deadline, suggesting it’s the last question.