

Formal Language

Answers

Part A

Change the following sentences by correcting the errors and rewriting them using Standard English.

1. Mum and me went shopping.

Mum and I went shopping.

1 mark

2. For my homework, I done three pages of writing.

For my homework, I did / I have done three pages of writing.

1 mark

3. I'm gonna try my best.

I am going to try my best.

1 mark

Part B

Read the pairs of sentences below and label whether each sentence is more formal or informal. Underline at least one word in each sentence that helped you to decide.

1. • I went to my mate's birthday party. Informal

• I attended my friend's birthday celebration. Formal

2 marks

(1 for correctly identifying which of the pair is formal and which informal;
1 for underlining at least one indicative word per sentence)

2. • I would be grateful for your response. Formal

• Please get back to me. Informal

2 marks

(1 for correctly identifying which of the pair is formal and which informal;
1 for underlining at least one indicative word per sentence)

3. • Nice to meet you. Informal

• It was a pleasure to meet you. Formal

2 marks

(1 for correctly identifying which of the pair is formal and which informal;
1 for underlining at least one indicative word per sentence)

Part C

Which of these types of writing needs to be informal, and which needs to be formal? Think about why you are writing and who will be reading it.

• A letter of complaint to the council about the broken pavement outside your school Formal

• Your personal diary Informal

1 mark

Total: 10 marks