

Words that help your writing

There are lots of words we use in talking or exchanging texts with our friends which we would change for more formal words if we were talking to, or writing to, other people.

Read the words on the top row.

try	stop	ask	make	buy
attempt	cease	inquire	manufacture	purchase

We can exchange them for words that are similar, but more formal in meaning, like the words underneath.

Draw lines to link these words:

scared

regret

annual

damp

sorry

round

sleepy

brave

reply

frightened

moist

drowsy

circular

answer

courageous

yearly

Write a text to a friend using some of these words.

Write a letter to a school governor, using more formal words.

Think of words you use all the time when talking and writing that you might find more formal words for. Find at least ten between you.

Discuss using more formality in writing. When and why would the children use informality and formality? Use one of their ideas to draft examples together.