Formal and Informal language

Dear Students

This week we are going to look at Formal and Informal language.

Do you know what the difference between Formal and Informal

Language is?

We need to learn the difference, and when we should be using Formal or Informal language in our everyday life.

**Formal Language**

Formal language is used for more official and serious purposes.   
The correct grammar and Standard English should always  
be used.

**Informal Language**

Informal language is used for more casual and less   
serious purposes. Slang words and chatty language   
can be used.

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| Formal | Informal |
| Uses a serious tone | Uses a chatty tone |
| Uses correct grammar and punctuation | Can use ‘text’ language or slang |
| Uses correct vocabulary | Can use contractions or abbreviations.Eg.Televsion is TV |

**Please complete the activities below. You can either print and write on this or do it it on a separate piece of paper**

Formal and informal language should be used for different purposes.   
Can you decide which sort of language you should use in the following situations; formal or informal?

Example:

Talking to your friends………………….**Informal**

**Put your answers besides these phrases of Formal or Informal**

Writing a job application………………………….

Talking to the Principal……………………………

Sending a text to a friend……………………….

Writing a letter to the Queen…………………

Writing a letter to your Grandma……………

**Now tell me which sentences are Formal or Informal**

1. That film was sick ………………………
2. I regret to inform you the swimming pool is now closed ………………………
3. The manager request everyone arrives promptly at 9am ………………..
4. What d’ya think ? ……………………….
5. We were just hanging out in the park. ………………………………

**Write these sentences in a more formal style**

I hope I’ll catch ya soon

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The TV was busted it didn’t even turn on

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My mates and me are gunna go to the mall this arvo

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