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Grammar and Style

USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

Formal language is used in essays and speeches to convey a serious approach to a topic.

Formal language uses sophisticated vocabulary and complex sentence structure. It does not contain contractions or slang.

Directions: Rewrite each of the following sentences using formal language.

Example

Politics isn't fun and games; it's serious business.

Politics is not something to be taken lightly; it is a very serious business.

1. The mayoral candidate didn't seem to need much in the way of notes.

2. She talked about stuff like the difference between rich and poor in our city.

3. Working poor people just don't seem to get their fair share of services.

4. Ms. Larsen says that this is bogus, and it really ought to change.

5. She's going to be the top vote-getter, or I'll eat my hat.
