

MATCH LANGUAGE TO THE APPROPRIATE CONTEXT

Most people adjust how they speak or write depending on where they are, who they're with, and how they're communicating. These different ways of speaking and writing are called dialects or registers. Take a look at some of the differences between Standard English and non-Standard English:

Standard English

- used in more formal situations
- includes correct spelling and proper grammar
- tends to include precise vocabulary

Non-Standard English

- used in more casual or familiar situations
- spelling and grammar rules are less important
- can include slang and idioms

Directions: Write the correct letter to match each sentence to its context based on the language used. The first set has been done for you as an example.

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| 1. <u> a </u> Good afternoon, my name is Alex T. Smith. | <u> a. </u> calling your senator |
| 2. <u> b </u> Hi, this is Alex Smith. | <u> b. </u> calling a restaurant |
| 3. <u> c </u> Hey, it's me. | <u> c. </u> calling your sibling |
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| 4. <u> b </u> I loved talking to you and I can't wait to hear from you again! | <u> a. </u> writing a professional email |
| 5. <u> a </u> I enjoyed our conversation, and I look forward to hearing from you. | <u> b. </u> writing a letter to your grandma |
| 6. <u> c </u> It was so cool talking 2 u! Excited to talk 2 u again soon!! | <u> c. </u> writing a message to a friend |
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| 7. <u> c </u> OMG, this book was AMAZING!!! tbh it might be the Best. Book. Ever. The action! The drama! The characters! | <u> a. </u> preparing a presentation |
| 8. <u> b </u> This book was incredible! I highly recommend it to anyone who likes great adventure stories and awesome characters. | <u> b. </u> reviewing a book online |
| 9. <u> a </u> The novel is popular with readers of all ages because of the story's well-developed characters and action-packed plot. | <u> c. </u> drafting a journal entry |
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| 10. <u> b </u> Thank you so much for all your help this year. Your guidance and support really made a difference for me. | <u> a. </u> giving a speech |
| 11. <u> c </u> Thanks so much for all your help this year! Seriously, you were a total lifesaver. | <u> b. </u> talking to your teacher |
| 12. <u> a </u> I would like to thank all of you for your assistance over the past year. Your support and encouragement have had a lasting impact. | <u> c. </u> chatting with a classmate |