Name _____   Date _____

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	**Non-Standard English**
■ used in more formal situations	■ used in more casual or familiar situations
■ includes correct spelling and proper grammar	■ spelling and grammar rules are less important
■ tends to include precise vocabulary	■ 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.

1. ___a___ Good afternoon, my name is Alex T. Smith.

2. ___b___ Hi, this is Alex Smith.

3. ___c___ Hey, it's me.

a. calling your senator

b. calling a restaurant

c. calling your sibling

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4. _____ I loved talking to you and I can't wait to hear from you again!

5. _____ I enjoyed our conversation, and I look forward to hearing from you.

6. _____ It was so cool talking 2 u! Excited to talk 2 u again soon!!

a. writing a professional email

b. writing a letter to your grandma

c. writing a message to a friend

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7. _____ OMG, this book was AMAZING!!! tbh it might be the Best. Book. Ever. The action! The drama! The characters!

8. _____ This book was incredible! I highly recommend it to anyone who likes great adventure stories and awesome characters.

9. _____ The novel is popular with readers of all ages because of the story's well-developed characters and action-packed plot.

a. preparing a presentation

b. reviewing a book online

c. drafting a journal entry

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10. _____ Thank you so much for all your help this year. Your guidance and support really made a difference for me.

11. _____ Thanks so much for all your help this year! Seriously, you were a total lifesaver.

12. _____ I would like to thank all of you for your assistance over the past year. Your support and encouragement have had a lasting impact.

a. giving a speech

b. talking to your teacher

c. chatting with a classmate

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