Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to identify and differentiate between formal and informal language. They will also practice using both types of language in writing and speaking, enhancing their communication skills.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencils
- Whiteboard or large paper for brainstorming
- Timer (optional for games)
- Examples of formal and informal language (prepared in advance)

Activities

1. **Language Detective:**

   The student will read a short paragraph that contains both formal and informal language. They will highlight or underline the different types of language and discuss their findings.

2. **Formal vs. Informal Role Play:**

   The student will choose a scenario (like talking to a teacher vs. talking to a friend) and act out both forms of communication. This will help them see the differences in tone and word choice.

3. **Letter Writing Challenge:**

   The student will write two letters: one formal (to a principal) and one informal (to a friend). They will compare the differences in greeting, body, and closing.

4. **Language Swap Game:**

   Using a list of phrases, the student will take turns converting informal language into formal language and vice versa. This can be a timed challenge for added fun!

Talking Points

- "What do you think formal language is? It's like dressing up your words for a special occasion!"
- "Informal language is like wearing your favorite comfy clothes. It's casual and friendly!"
- "Can you give me an example of a formal greeting? Yes! 'Dear Mr. Smith' is formal. How about an informal one? 'Hey, John!'"
- "Why do we use formal language? We use it when we want to show respect or when we're in serious situations."
- "Informal language is great for chatting with friends because it makes us feel relaxed and connected!"
- "Let's think of some situations where we would use formal language. Can you think of one?"
- "Now, how about informal language? When do you talk to your friends? That's a perfect time!"
- "Remember, the key difference is the tone and the words we choose. Formal is polite, informal is friendly!"
- "Let's have fun with our activities today and see how we can switch between the two types of

language!"