

FORMAL VS INFORMAL VOCABULARY

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Distinguish formal vs informal vocabulary.
- Convert informal to formal style.
- Apply in IELTS Speaking & Writing.



WHY IT MATTERS

IELTS Writing Task 2 =
formal.

IELTS Speaking = **less
formal but clear.**

Wrong style lowers
lexical resource.

EXAMPLES (1)

kids → children

lots of → many

okay → acceptable

EXAMPLES (2)

Go up

- go up → increase

Get

- get rid of → eliminate

Say

- say sorry → apologize

INFORMAL → FORMAL SENTENCES

Informal: *“Lots of kids go to school.”*

Formal: *“Many children attend school.”*

Informal: *“Somali food is nice.”*

Formal: *“Traditional Somali cuisine is nutritious and culturally significant.”*

CONNECTORS

Informal: *plus, so,
anyways*

Formal:
*moreover,
therefore,
nevertheless*

EXAMPLES

Informal: *“Many people in Bosaso are nice.”*

Formal: *“Residents of Bosaso are welcoming and hospitable.”*

Informal: *“The climate is really bad.”*

Formal: *“The climate conditions are severe and unpredictable.”*