

There's a time and a place for everything.



We dress up for school.

We dress up our language for school.

- ▶ Our uniform shows respect for our surroundings
- ▶ It creates a sense of formality and smartness
- ▶ It allows us to take pride in our appearance.
- ▶ It shows that we treat school as a serious place. A place for work

All of these things apply to our language too.

Dressing up our language.

- ▶ It shows that we take school seriously.
- ▶ It prepares you for adulthood.
- ▶ You will need that ability to speak formally at some point in the future.
- ▶ Language is a habit. We want to encourage those good habits.
- ▶ You need that level of formal, academic, scholarly language in your exams. You need to get into the right habits now.
- ▶ Precise academic language means precise academic thinking.

So What does it look like?

- ▶ In the book the main person's like really bad.
 - ▶ The character is bad 'cos he's always bigging himself up
 - ▶ The writer uses lots of big words
 - ▶ The poem's dead boring because she keeps on going on about the same thing.
 - ▶ You're talking a load of rubbish.
- ▶ In the novel, the main protagonist has many negative qualities.
 - ▶ The character is unsympathetic because he has a high opinion of himself.
 - ▶ The writer uses a range of sophisticated vocabulary.
 - ▶ The poem lacks variety because the writer repeats herself.
 - ▶ I don't agree with you there because...

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- ▶ If you're having a laugh with your friends at the weekend, it's your language
- ▶ If you're in the classroom, then it should be language suitable for school and serious academic study.