

## Informal and Formal Writing

Some words are fine for informal conversations and discussions. For formal writing, however, they should not be used.

**Informal example:** Her dad worked at a factory.

**Formal example:** Her father worked at a factory.

The word *dad* is used in a familiar way, which makes it sound informal. *father* is a better word to use in formal writing.

Below are sentences that have informal words in them. Circle the informal word or words and rewrite the sentence in a formal style.

- 1) They bought an awesome house around the corner.

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- 2) There were lots of people at the museum.

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- 3) Jane ain't going to tell anyone.

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- 4) Oscar started freaking out about the test.

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- 5) When the cops arrived, the crook ran outside.

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- 6) He checked his cell for any messages.

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- 7) The family chilled by the pool all afternoon.

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- 8) She bought a bunch of stuff at the mall.

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