

Compare formal and informal uses of English.

Tell A Story Activity

Have students write a story using the ideas listed below, or a previously written story.

Ask students to tell the story using their own words (informal English), then have a discussion about the formal and informal uses of language.

1. Have students tell about their favorite pair of shoes or a pair that they would like to make for themselves.
2. Have students choose their favorite season and tell about what they like to do during that time.
3. Have students tell about their favorite holidays and traditions.
4. Have students brainstorm how they use their five senses every day to help them get ready for school.
5. Have students choose one of the five senses to tell about. Have them describe what the sense is, how it helps them, and what life might be like without it.
6. Have the children think and tell about ways to protect their planet. Possible subjects for this assignment are recycling, planting new trees, composting, and picking up litter.
7. Write a class play about the solar system. Divide the class into ten groups and have each group research a planet or the sun and write a brief description. Put each part into a play and have several students act it out.