



Formal and informal messages with *tell* and *ask*

Statements

I'm going to miss class tonight.

Messages with a statement: *tell*

(Please) **Tell him (that)** I'm going to miss class.

Could you tell him (that) I'm going to miss class?

Would you tell him (that) I'm going to miss class?

informal
↓
formal

Requests

Could she take a picture of the board?

Messages with a request: *ask*

(Please) **Ask her** to take a picture of the board.

Could you ask her to take a picture of the board?

Would you ask her to take a picture of the board?

informal
↓
formal

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A Unscramble these messages. Then compare with a partner.

1. tell / that / is / please / Haru / the barbecue / on Saturday

_____?

2. call me / at / 4:00 / you / Caitlin / could / ask / to

_____?

3. is / that / Mia / tonight / could / you / the dance performance / tell

_____?

4. tell / is / Casey / in the park / would / you / that / the picnic

_____?

5. meet me / to / you / would / Maika / ask / at the stadium

_____?

6. ask / to the rock concert / please / bring / Garrett / to / the tickets

_____?