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Massive snowstorm last night. It's knocked out loads of power lines across the country. I never knew cold could be this bad. It hurt to get out of bed this morning.

The news is full of the powercuts, they are saying the electricity grid is old and completely messed up cos the private companies have been bleeding it dry since for ever.

No one's got any answers. Just arguing — nuclear this, renewable that. Blah, blah.

I only just made it out of the house. Dad had to shovel snow away from the door so I could get my bike out. He frowned. 'Are you going to be OK?'

From The Carbon Diaries by Saci Lloyd

True / False:

A diary is normally written in the informal language.

In the extract Laura uses informal words like “cos” and ‘Blah blah.’ She also includes more formal language, such as “electricity grid” and “private companies”

In the table below, type words or phrases you think Laura might use to describe her journey to the college?

What's being described	Formal Language	Informal Language
the snow	plentiful,	Lots of,
her bicycle	cycling,	

Select: Check my answers