

C1 Advanced- Formal vs Informal Register

Look at the sample answers and choose the right option, A or B:

Answer A - informal	Answer B - formal
<p>I'm sorry to say I'm not big on being around people. That said, if I do want to hang out, I'd rather do it with a few best mates. Just because I'm not what you'd call an extrovert, I still really like those cozy moments I have with my friends. You can get closer as a group and have tighter connections if you focus on just a few people. Some say, "the more, the merrier", but I don't see it that way. You know what I mean?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, I do not enjoy being around others. However, if I do want to socialize, I would rather be with a small circle of friends. Although I am not gregarious by nature, I enjoy those intimate moments that can be shared with my friends. Stronger bonds are formed when your attention is focused on a smaller number of people. It is often said that larger groups are more enjoyable. However, I fail to agree. Would you say the same?</p>

Feature	Informal	Formal
1. Use of the active and passive voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive use of the active voice – but passive can be used if needed 	<p>___ A. Only passive voice is used</p> <p>___ B. Active and passive are both used, but passive is preferred, as it is more impersonal</p>
2. Contractions and abbreviations (e.g., ASAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used extensively 	<p>___ A. Sometimes used</p> <p>___ B. Never used</p>
3. Vocabulary (common or sophisticated and academic)	<p>___ A. Both sophisticated and more casual</p> <p>___ B. Casual vocabulary is used</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More sophisticated / academic language is used
4. Linking words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More common, less advanced ones used 	<p>___ A. More common ones are used</p> <p>___ B. Advanced linkers are preferred</p>
5. Phrasal verbs	<p>___ A. Usually appear in informal register</p> <p>___ B. Never used in informal register</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never used
6. Set phrases and idioms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often used 	<p>___ A. Can be used sometimes</p> <p>___ B. Can never be used</p>
7. Ellipsis (leaving out words, usually pronouns and auxiliary verbs)	<p>___ A. Is never used</p> <p>___ B. Can be used</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never used