

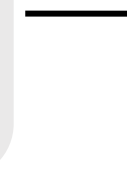
Read It

formal



Define It

Formal is the characteristic of being appropriate for a serious or official setting or occasion.

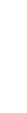


Digging Deeper:

It is important to ensure that our speech and writing is of an appropriate formality for the purpose, audience and context we are presenting in. If this is misjudged, it is unlikely that our speech, or writing, will be effective.

The word formal can also refer to qualifications or titles attained through educational providers. For example, someone could receive formal training in theatre.

Draw It



Deconstruct It

From the Latin *formalis*, meaning a form, figure or shape.

Link It

Legal, ceremonial, academic, precise, proper, solemn, serious.



Use It

She made a formal address to her colleagues.