

Listening

Videos - Opening and closing presentations

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1 - Complete the sentences with the word(s) missing. Then choose whether the situations are more formal or more informal. What made you think so?

- a) "Well, **good morning** to everyone. As vice-chancellor of the University of London, it's my great pleasure to **welcome** you to this 2014 global institution symposium which we've entitled 'Aiming Higher Together'."

Formal (☒) Informal (☐)

The presenter greets the audience by saying "good afternoon". Besides, his lexical choices are also formal: "It's my great pleasure to welcome you", "entitled".

- b) "**Hello**, everyone. Today I **want** to present an important tool in our lives: social media. I believe that everyone in our classroom always uses social media, **right?**"

Formal (☐) Informal (☒)

The presenter greets her audience by saying "hello". She also uses the word "right" at the end of a statement as a way of inviting agreement.

- c) "**Good evening**, everyone and thank you very very much for being here and I **would just like** to use this opportunity to thank my institution the University of Johannesburg for support, funding, resources, etc, to get to the US."

Formal (☒) Informal (☐)

The presenter greets the audience by saying "Good evening". She also uses the phrase "would like" instead of "want".

- d) "Hello, **friends**. Today we are going to discuss about a very important concept of biology which is biodiversity."

Formal () Informal (x)

The presenter greets the audience by saying "hello" and calling them "friends".

- e) ***In conclusion***, Trinity College's origins, I argue, are indisputably Irish but, contrary to popular perception, the university was actually founded by entrepreneurs from Dublin and the East Coast with the express purpose of stimulating trade and commerce. ***Thank you very much.***

Formal (x) Informal ()

The presenter ends her talk by saying "in conclusion". She also uses complex words such as the adverb "indisputably" and the adjective "contrary".

- f) I ***hope*** that the next in the next in the next in the next time that you check your cell phone that you realize that you're not just checking your cell phone: you're teaching and the machine is learning. ***Thank you.***

Formal () Informal (x)

The presenter insistently repeats the word "next".

2 - Write the signposts (expressions) in the box under the most appropriate situation.

"Good morning, everyone. My talk is concerned with..."
"Hello, everyone. I'm here to talk about..."
"Well, I think that's about it. Thanks for listening"
"Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you very much for being here. My talk today addresses..."
"Hi, everyone. My name's... Thanks for coming."
"Finally, I would like to thank you all for coming today."

An international conference on global warming

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An in-class presentation

"Hello, everyone. I'm here to talk about..."
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