What to do today

1. Read some Author Profiles
   - Read these three author profiles from their websites:
     http://jennifergraybooks.com/about-me/
     http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/about.htm
     http://www.anthonyhorowitz.com/about
   - Take notes as you read their profiles. What do you think are the three most important facts about each author?

2. Revise Formal and Informal Register
   - Use the Revision Card to remind yourself about the differences between formal and informal register.
   - Which of the three author profiles do you think is written most formally? Which is written least formally? Give reasons for your answers.

3. Plan and write your own profile
   - Use the Profile Planner to plan an ‘About Me’ for you. Plan to write it an informal style.
   - Write your profile carefully. Even if you write informally, your writing still needs to be clear!

Try the Fun-Time Extras
   - Make a profile up for someone else. You could interview them to get information. You might like to write in the third person like Anthony Horowitz’s profile.
   - Research the ‘About Me’ profiles of your favourite authors, musicians, artists or athletes. Do they write their profile informally or formally?

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.
Revision Card – Formal and Informal Register

Register

Register is created by the way that language and grammar are used.

Hey! What’s up?
Good morning. How are you today?

I wish to purchase some refreshment.
I want to buy a drink.

Register can be formal or informal.

Audience and Context

The register depends on situation and audience. The same person will use different registers in different contexts.

At home with family
You’re going to wear that, are you?
Informal

In school with head teacher
When will we be allowed on the field?
More Formal

In the palace with the monarch
I wonder, might I be permitted to stroke the corgi?
Very Formal

Formal and Informal Vocabulary

Formal and informal registers tend to use different vocabulary.

Could you assist me?
Can you help me?
It is time to depart.
It is time to go.
You need to purchase a ticket.
You need to buy a ticket.
I hate to inconvenience you.
I hate to bother you.

With formal vocabulary, words are often longer.
# About Me Profile Planner

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About Me

Write your profile here.