

# Use of Academic vocabulary Basic guidelines



### Learning outcomes

Define what Academic vocabulary is

#### The vocabulary which can be used in academic contexts



#### Use of formal words

- 1. Avoid contractions
- 2. Avoid Slang
- 3. Avoid Abbreviations
- 4. Avoid Clichés
- 5. Avoid Colloquialisms



#### 1. Avoid contractions



I have - I

Do not- Don't

#### **Informal**

- Dude
- Friend
- Mad
- Cheeky
- Disrespectful
- Kinda
- Piece of cake
- Cool
- Bro
- Man
- Nuts
- Easy
- Break a leg

#### **Formal**



### 2. Avoid slang

- Dude Man
- Bro Friend
- Cheeky Disrespectful
- Kinda Kind of
- Piece of cake Easy
- Cool Great, fantastic
- Nuts Mad
- Break a leg Good luck



Words /expressions from casual conversations

#### 3. Avoid Abbreviations

What is an abbreviation?



#### Clichés

Money doesn't grow on trees



Love is blind



#### • 4SAevepidn@likeshe dead



Laughter is the best medicine





#### 5. Avoid Colloquialisms

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cuz - because
gonna - going to
What's up? - How are you doing?
fam - family
Yea/Yeah - Yes
I dunno - I don't know
Nah/Naw - No
Whatever - You can decide. / I don't
have a preference
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## Activity 1

## - Provide more formal vocabulary for the underlined words

• A free education system was set up in Sri Lanka as early as 1942.

established

• This will *cut down* the amount of taxes.

reduce

• Cost of living has gone up in many regions of the world.

increased

• The aggregate of outstanding debts went up and down quite violently.

fluctuated

• Dieters believe that they should completely *get rid of* high-calorie foods.

eliminate

Karl Marx <u>looked into</u> how this social system came into being in order to understand its features.

investigated

• Students are required to read the guidelines on how to carry out the research project.

conduct



• The pressure to <u>do well</u> as an individual made most students feel stressed out.

succeed

