

## Writing informal Speech

Informal speech differs from Standard English, favouring a more relaxed tone and deviation from the typical rules of grammar. You may hear informal speech between friends, families, peers and even strangers. It is commonly heard in everyday life.

Informal speech may include slang words such as 'lit', 'shook' and 'squad'. People speaking informally will typically use contractions to save time, choosing to say 'haven't' rather than 'have not'.

For instance:

"Cheers for ringing, Dude. Feels like I haven't seen you in ages! Have you seen Jono and Mark lately?"

You can use apostrophes to indicate a dropped letter, for example:

"I left me keys in the 'ouse," announced Jude.

You can swap letters, for example:

"I fink it's time to go 'ome," said Jono.

Remember you can only use these devices to indicate informal speech within the speech marks.