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ENGLISH LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE

UNIT 4- GRAMMAR

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REGISTER

We use the term ‘register’ to refer to particular varieties or styles of speaking and writing. Registers vary because the language is used for different purposes, in different contexts and for different audiences.

For example, there is a legal register, a register of advertising, registers of banking and a register of weather forecasting.

We commonly recognise registers because of their specialised vocabulary but also because of particular uses of grammar. We also use the term register to refer to whether language is being used formally or informally.

(Register- Ek particular style of speaking hota hai jo different jagah pe differently use hota hai. Register me aap differentiate kar sakte hain style of speaking, uski specialised vocabulary se. Register informal or formal situations me different hota hai)

[From a weather forecast register: depression is a specialised word meaning a system of weather that brings rain.]

There is a depression moving in from the Atlantic and we can expect high winds and local storms over the next few days in the north of the country.

(Iss case me depression word ka use alag hai kyunki weather forecast batate huye ek alag tareeke ki language use ki jati hai. Similarly, har context ka ek different register hota hai.)

The register you choose, whether in speech or writing, also depends very much on your audience and purpose. Imagine, for example, that you witness a minor car accident in the street and you react in the following three ways.

Case I-You take a picture and post it on social media with a comment.

Case II-You tell your family about what happened when you get home.

Case III- One of the drivers takes your contact details and some time later you receive a letter from her insurance company asking you to write a report of what you saw.

In each of the three situations, how might your language differ in terms of ...

- the amount of detail you include?
- vocabulary?
- grammar?

(Har situation me aap alag tareeke ki language use karke car accident ke baare me batayenge.

In Case III, you will use formal language because aapko report karna hai. So semi-legal register use hoga. Isme aap time of event batayenge or specialised vocabulary use karenge.

In Case I and II you will use informal language because aap apne parents ko story batayenge ya fir Instagram/facebook caption me car accident ke baare me batayenge.)

Therefore, your register or particular language will vary according to the people who are listening to you.

TONE

Tone, in written composition, is an attitude of a writer toward a subject or an audience. Tone is generally conveyed through the choice of words, or the viewpoint of a writer on a particular subject.

The tone can be formal, informal, serious, comic, sarcastic, sad, or cheerful, or it may be any other existing attitude.

(Humari tone se humari feelings ke baare me pata chal jata hai.)

Example #1

Father: "We are going on a vacation."

Son: "That's great!!!"

– The tone of son's response is very cheerful.

Example #2

Father: "We can't go on vacation this summer."

Son: "Yeah, great! That's what I expected."

– The son's tone is sarcastic.

Example #3

"Can someone tell me what the hell is going on here?"

– This has an aggressive tone.

EXERCISE

1) Although not many schools are using laptop computers in schools at the moment, I'm confident that in the future, as the costs go down, we will find that every student has access to one.

The writer's tone is: sceptical, negative, neutral, optimistic?

2) Airlines have stopped giving peanuts to passengers on flights. This was done to help people who are allergic to peanuts. They can become ill even after breathing air with peanuts. However, some people have complained of being deprived of their precious peanuts and have threatened to sue the airlines. What do they care if other people become ill?

The writer's tone is: supportive, neutral, sarcastic, negative?

3) The woman was a terrible singer. But she was rich, so she made her own albums which she called (incredibly) "the beauty of the human voice"!!! It was so bad that people bought them as a joke.

The writer's tone is: Pessimistic, anxious, supportive, humorous?

WORD CHOICE

Click on this link to solve an exercise on appropriate word choice:

<https://chompchomp.com/hotpotatoes/wordchoice01.htm>

Q. Edit and rewrite the following passage to remove errors. There is an error in each of the five parts of the passage.

a. The other day we discuss the setting up of a Debating Club in our school. **b.** We talked about the club but how many students would be interested in it. **c.** When we began to talk about the rules and regulations that would govern the club. **d.** They couldn't reach an agreement and began to argue. **e.** Finally, our English teacher had to be informed, and she came and said: "Please fight like little children. Let's have a mature discussion and come to a consensus."