

1. Using English

Activities

Activity 1: Differences in language use

Think about your own experience as a user of English. Taking into account the global spread of the language:

- Have you ever had to produce different language depending on where and why you were using it? In what ways was that language different?
- Besides where and why, what other aspects or parameters may render the language that we produce different?

Write your views in the text box below.

Activity 2: Domains of language use

Think about your own experience in using English.

- What discursal characteristics do you think each of the following domains may have?
 - a newspaper article
 - a conversation between friends in a bar
 - a lecture delivered to an auditorium of students
 - an SMS message to a relative o an email to a colleague
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- In general, what similarities and differences are there between spoken and written discourse?

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