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Preface

The label *Informal* is used in dictionaries to mark terms that are not likely to occur in serious, prepared speech or carefully edited writing except when used intentionally to convey a casual tone. Unlike formal language which is used in situations that are serious or that involve people we don't know well, informal language is more commonly used in situations that are more relaxed and involve people we know well, e.g. in a casual speech. Formal language is more common when we write; conversely, informal language is more common when we speak. However, there are times where writing can be very informal, for example, when writing postcards or letters to friends, emails or text messages. It should be noted that most usages of English are neutral; that is, they are neither formal nor informal, and that formal and informal English are associated with particular choices of grammar and more importantly vocabulary. Therefore, we need to know both formal and informal terms as they are equally important in any given context by playing a significant role in communication and exchange of information or ideas. This book has been compiled to help the learners expand their informal vocabulary. It must be noted that like formal language, informal language and words must also be used in an appropriate context in which they are not distracting. The words along with their definitions and examples were extracted from the *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English*. They were alphabetized so that they could easily be looked up. The first chapter includes the informal nouns. The second chapter includes the informal adjectives. The third and the fourth chapters include informal verbs and conjunctions respectively.

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