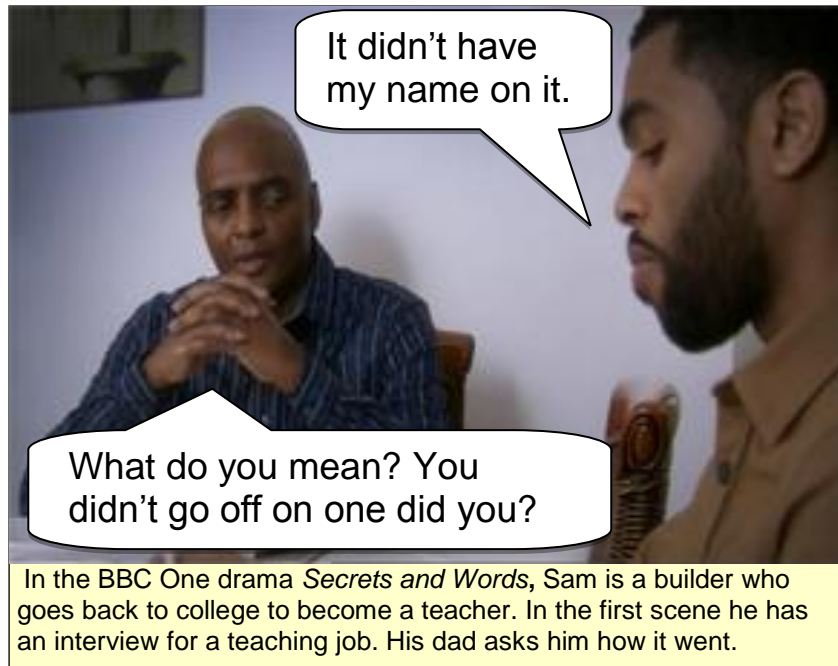


Informal language



People use different words and phrases in different situations.

With someone we know well we might use informal language or slang we both understand.

For example “it didn’t have my name on it” or “go off on one” are slang phrases or idioms.

With people we don’t know, at a job interview for instance, people tend to use more standard, formal language.

For example “Are there any questions you would like to ask us?”

To join in an informal conversation people often use similar informal language.

To join in a formal conversation people often use formal language.

Sometimes people introduce informal language in a formal conversation to ‘break the ice’ and make it less formal.

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