Formal and informal language



In the BBC One series Secrets and Words, Sam works as a builder but goes back to college to become a teacher. In the first scene he has an interview.

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What kind of language do people usually use in interviews – formal or informal?

Read the phrases below. Tick the box to say whether you think they are formal or informal.

Phrase	Formal	Informal
Get a move on!		
May I ask a question?		
What is he on about?		
Fancy a cuppa?		
Please take a seat.		
Let's just chill out tonight.		

Discuss with a partner when you might use these phrases or expressions.

Can you think of any more formal and informal phrases? When would you use them?

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