

Plethora (noun)

Definition: An abundance or excess.


The boy had collected a **plethora** of books about science.

Synonym: Plenty, deluge, excess

Antonym: Few, scarcity

Challenge: What do you have a plethora of?

Word of the Week



The Spelling Bee has left a trail of words amongst the DIY letters. Find them for him by circling any words you recognise:



e.g. lsd**vegetable**klgidoseat**words**nbapprkfuoswm**apple**rikls

ysgalarmedpejymscrispmbsaqjdpeoplel
 afwassistancectmyqantpwidlvxiperhaps
 erkflxklsdassureprtmissapprehensionhf
 qupeacefulkcxoadspeechaspeakwijnal
 mbqibjxexcitedlydroxknockingqupuasb
 frdangerouslyxzinfuriateopsquashedkr
 yictegpersistentlyvgspfyhvsungljshir

Copy each word from the box below next to its **synonym** in the table!

proclamation	greetings	unabridged	exactly	ridiculous	rebuked
market	warned	showing	huge	booth	chance
crossly	wisely	curiously	gauche	state	definition
					scold

absurd	
angrily	
announcement	
bazaar	
cautioned	
clumsy	
complete	
displaying	
immense	
interestingly	
knowledgeably	
meaning	
miscellaneous	
nation	
opportunity	
precisely	
reprimand	
salutations	
scolded	
stall	

Now try to find the words you have written in the word search!



Formal and Informal Language

Can you match up the formal and informal synonyms?

You could make your own table in your exercise book.

ask		It is regarding
talk it through		do not
help		require
It is about		inform
bye		organise
need		enquire
cheers		purchase
don't		unsightly
buy		assist
tell you		children
sort out		improve
kids		yours faithfully
make better		negotiate
ugly		thank you

Now it's time to use some formal and informal language!

Can you write an example of an informal and formal correspondence?

Your informal one could be a postcard, an email or a letter to a friend.

Your formal one could be an answer to a job advert or a letter suggesting a new idea to Ms Kedzior.

I can't wait to see what you come up with!

Read this text and answer the comprehension questions underneath.

The history of Nintendo



Nintendo is a Japanese company that has made video games and video game consoles since the 1970s. It was originally a company that made playing cards and then it started to make toys. Nintendo began making video games in the 1970s. In 1980, the company released a hand-held game device called 'Game and Watch'. It was battery operated and not in colour but the games were very playable and fun.

Nintendo's first video game console was the colour TV Game, Famicom, but the company really became successful with its second console, "Nintendo Entertainment System", or NES for short. Nintendo also released many popular video games like Donkey Kong, Super Mario Bros., Duck Hunt, and The Legend of Zelda. Later, the company made hand-held consoles such as the Game Boy and DS, and consoles such as Nintendo 64, GameCube, Wii, and WiiU.



Nintendo's newest release is the Nintendo Switch. It has a smart design and different functions but some fans have said the games and accessories are too expensive. The switch will compete with *Sony's PS4* virtual reality headset in a very crowded market.

1. Where is Nintendo from?

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2. How long has the company been making video games?

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3. What did Nintendo make in the beginning?

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4. When did Nintendo become very successful?

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5. What is the company's most recent console?

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6. Name the problems some fans have found with the Switch.

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7. Have you played any Nintendo games? If yes, which games have you played? If no, name any other console games you have played.

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