

English Language Summer Homework

The linguists Leech, Deuchar, and Hoogenraad discussed features of 'typical' speech and 'typical' writing:

Typical speech	Typical writing
Inexplicitness Lack of clear sentence boundaries Simple structures Repetitiveness Normal non-fluency Monitoring features Interaction features Features reflecting informality	Explicitness Clear sentence boundaries More complex structure Non-repetitiveness Fluency No monitoring features No interaction features Features reflecting formality

Typical speech

Conversation in a pub

Seminar

Telephone conversation

Personal letter

Job interview

Radio discussion

Television advertisement

Lecture

Sermon

Script of a play

Television news

Newspaper

Business letter

Textbook

Typical writing

They came up with the idea of a continuum from 'typical' speech to 'typical' writing:

Your task

Choose a topic – it might be an interest that you have or a recent news event, for example.

Find three social media posts about the topic – try to choose different sorts of social media accounts e.g. official / government, news reporter, comedian, member of the public...

Analyse the Tweets, considering:

- typical features of speech and writing evident
- the attitudes they express

Aim to write between 300 – 500 words.