

# 9 Register

Some words are most often used in certain types of speaking and writing, for example when you are writing poetry. This is called **register**. In a dictionary, labels are given next to the word if it has a certain type of use, or register.

REGISTER	DEFINITION
<b>informal</b>	chiefly used in more casual conversation and in other informal contexts, e.g. scam
<b>formal</b>	chiefly used in more formal writing and speaking, e.g. mendacious
<b>literary</b>	typically found in older fiction and other literature, e.g. hark
<b>old use</b>	a word or meaning that is no longer common but used to be, e.g. chattel
<b>poetic</b>	chiefly used in poetry, e.g. isle
<b>humorous</b>	used to produce a witty or amusing effect, e.g. trusty



## GETTING STARTED

Organize the following words according to their register.

brainy    adversary    abode    baddy    pal  
gutted    purchase    slob    attire    betrothed

INFORMAL	FORMAL



## MOVING ON

Look up the meaning and register of the following words.

	HEADWORD	REGISTER	DEFINITION
1.	epistle		
2.	betwixt		
3.	vale		
4.	steed		

How many did you get right?

2 = NOVICE

5 = EXPERT

10 = MAESTRO