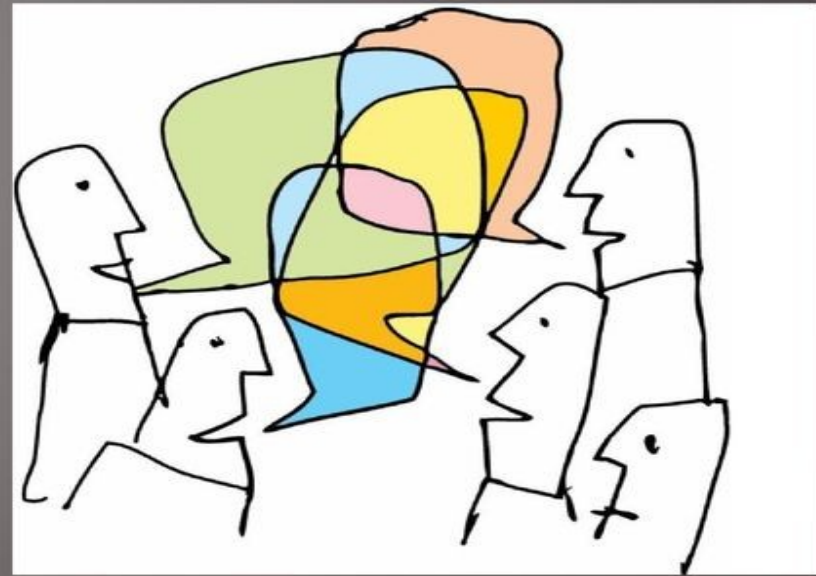




Registers of Language

Do you agree?

In different situations, people use different language styles.



What is a Register?

Different language styles used for different purposes in different social settings

Public

Private



How do you decide which language register is appropriate to use?

Deciding which language register is appropriate depends on the

- Social Setting
- Topic
- Who are you talking to

Rule

A person can go from one register to the next register without any conflicts if it is the register next to it. More moves than that, then your language would seem offensive, inappropriate or just crazy!

Five Language Registers

- Frozen
- Formal
- Consultative

Public

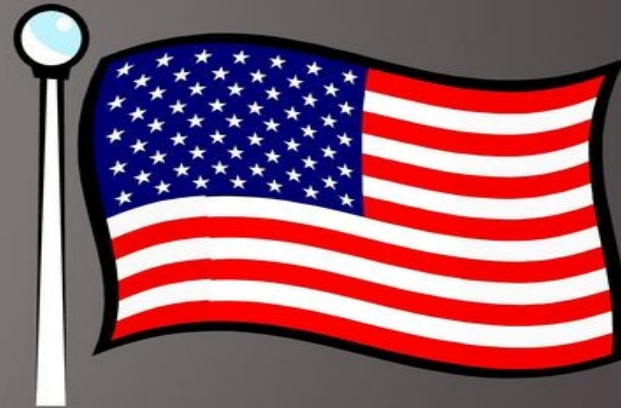
- Casual
- Intimate

Private



Frozen Register

- Language that rarely or never changes
- Examples
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Prayers
 - Laws
 - Words to a song



Formal Register

One-way communication

Uses complete sentences

Impersonal and formal

Examples:

Announcements

Speeches



Consultative Register

- Two way communication used in conversation
- No past experience with that person
- Examples
 - Student-teacher
 - Doctor-patient
 - Employer-employee
 - Lawyer-judge



Casual Register

- A language used by friends
- Past experience with that person
- Often uses slang



Intimate Register

- Language shared between couples, twins, and very close friends
- Often a “secret language” or finish each other’s sentences

