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Language Work – Tasks 1-4 words and phrases in orange are incorrect or should be cut *words in italics are the corrections*

**Register**

The following sentences are from your informal and formal messages. Decide whether the register used is appropriate. If not, reformulate the phrases in a more appropriate register.

*Informal*

1. One thing that’s very important to *for* me is the good relationship that I’m building with my peers *is how I’m making friends/getting on with my classmates*.
2. Now I really gotta go… OK!!
3. Am glad to inform you that I have arrived in Trento *thought you’d like to know I’m now in Trento*
4. It is quite different from my Bachelor’s Degree program and this scares me a little and above all I’m worried about the new subjects I’m taking. *It’s sooooo different from undergrad studies and I’m a bit scared of the new subjects*
5. My warmest regards *a big hug*
6. As I already mentioned we have new teaching methods *I already told you about / you know about the new teaching methods*
7. …because I had not the opportunity to spend a whole week in Trento yet  *I haven’t spent a whole week here yet*
8. How are you? I hope you are fine. *Whassup/What’s new with you?/Any news? You OK?*
9. These activities require a lot of time but fortunately my mates are really nice. *This stuff takes ages – thank goodness (at a push ‘luckily’) my mates are cool*
10. I find myself good here, even better than I expected. *I’m getting along fine,*
11. However, Trento is a small but very cold city.  *But Trento is small and cold*
12. Waz up bro, what have you been up to/ *what’s new*? I hope everything is great as usual! As I have already told you I moved here to the north of Italy, Trento.  *You now I moved to Trento*
13. The element we appreciate the most is the cosmopolitan side: young people from all over the world […] you share different cultural experiences, different world views and enrich your perspectives. *The best thing is it’s so cool here, students from all over the world, different cultures, different world views – it blows your mind*
14. Thanks to the high professionalism and preparation of the majority of the professors. *Most of the Profs are experts and really cool*
15. Dear Matt, Thank you for your last e-mail. *Hiya Matt, tks for writing,*
16. I love the fact that my colleagues come from different parts of Italy *I love it that the other students come form all over Italy*
17. It’s surely a big change from a metropolitan city like Rome, in which I spent my last three years.. *It sure is different from Rome where I was for three years before here*
18. As you might know, I have been extremely busy lately […] you know it ain’t no joke there *You probably know I’ve been sooo busy laterly*
19. The structure of the Master’s as a whole is more similar to the British teaching system *It’s more like the set up in the UK*
20. With a considerable number of libraries and recreation facilities, Trento has all it takes …. The numerous supermarkets and groceries ensure that prices are reasonable *Loads of libraries and facilities, trento’s got it all, loads of supermarkets and shops keep it cheap*

*Formal*

1. Thank you for your availability *interest*
2. The university library completely fulfils every student’s possible need […] provided with loads of *numerous* books, articles, computers and *an* internet connection…
3. I am writing you to let you know…*inform you*
4. Besides, *Moreover,* I was somehow disappointed to see that the linguistic offer was limited to a very tiny selection
5. Thanks *Thank you* and Regards
6. If I dare *may* say
7. Beside this *In addition to this*

Here are some of the linkers you used in the informal emails. To your FRIENDS. What linkers should you have used.

1. For this reason *so*
2. In addition *Besides ………., as well*
3. Moreover *Besides*
4. As I already mentioned *I already told you/like I said*
5. However *but*
6. Furthermore *Besides ………., as well*

**Other language problems**

1. It’s such a long time that we don’t see each other. *We haven’t seen each other for such a long time /It’s such a long time since we last saw each other*
2. Every day I am riding my bike… *I ride my bike every day*
3. There are a lot of aspects that I am appreciating *I appreciate*
4. I wanted you to know that I am waiting for *I expect/lookf forward to you coming* here
5. Sometimes I think that Trento is really a city for olds. *Oldies/OAPs/old people*
6. We would gladly respond to your kind request for a feedback regarding our first impressions of the course.

In the sentences below *updated*  is not always used correctly. Identify which of the sentences below use *updated* correctly. Rewrite those sentences where it is used incorrectly. *In the instances written in orange ‘up to date’ is the correct expression*

1. y good way for students to be always involved and updated on the contents of our studies. Also, lectures ar
2. k becomes consequentially the quickest way to get updated about the latest news. I personally visit sites l
3. on. Online news is instantaneous and continuously updated , whereas print media is more concerned with accu
4. ording to the media one considers more usable or updated. In order to have a clear idea of which media I
5. ew, in better. I personally prefer to keep myself updated reading online news paper, such as Huffington Pos
6. wouldn’t consider it as a media but it’s a really updated encyclopedia with a wide range of topics), and so
7. le phone. Free access, permanent availability and updated news are the main advantages of online newspapers
8. find that the news available online are the most updated compared to the others; moreover the news website
9. ng analysis of many situations but they cannot be updated instantly as they are published once a day or a w
10. rld. Therefore, I use new technologies to keep me updated on any news. When I mention new technologies,

Similarly, the word *relation* is not always used correctly in the following sentences. Identify the correct use and rewrite the incorrect sentences with an appropriate word form *words in orange should be ‘relationship’ unless otherwise indicated (in other cases the ‘s’ is missing from relations)*

1. ample Middle East online. I have never had a good relation with the television since I feel like the informa
2. big specialization in the career of international relation***s*** and an excellent introduction to the world of wor
3. n and integration policies. I also focused on the relation between Global politics and religious movements,
4. peans and I could learn more about Europe and its relation with rest of world. Moreover, I will cherish the
5. ing e-commerce company of Bangladesh, as a Public Relation***s*** Manager that focused me to explore co-operation
6. rses listed on my transcript, I did field work in relation to these courses. Due to my comprehensive special
7. rong foundation in understanding in international relation***s*** and international organization structures and pri
8. ostgraduate courses and researches. International relation***s*** and studies courses are the courses that interest

Only two of the following sentences use hte correct colligation of the verb *to suggest*. Which are they? Rewrite the sentences which use *suggest* incorrectly

1. ck regarding my first impressions of the MEIS, to suggest you some improvements, and to communicate my fir
2. the Master’s Degree programme. Above all, I would suggest that you should edit the schedule of the courses
3. to prepare for the final exams. We would like to suggest Professors to give more time to students to settl
4. mpeding full attendance at lectures. Moreover, we suggest to enlarge *increasing* the number of exams per session. Havin
5. st time and it was the funniest day of my life! I suggest you to try as soon as possible.
6. prove the quality of this course, we would kindly suggest to *you* consider our different academic backgrounds, w
7. Anyway, there is enough evidence to suggest that traditional newspapers have no future.

Please remember that *news* in English is singular NOT plural as many of you wrote:

1. are more accurate. Last but not least, broadcast news are distributed via Radio or Television and they
2. watch the braking news channels every day. Tv news are my favourite way to keep abreast of world new
3. TV as an accountable news media because broadcast news are quite biased and focus too much on national i
4. l pieces of information I usually listen to radio news, which are brief and neutral, a perfect combinati
5. e, I don't need to watch TV news because the same news which are broadcast are also (already) available
6. have found a good formula: they provide for free news that are often updated and, at the same time, acc
7. nd selected; whereas TV, for instance, broadcasts news that are passively received. In this sense the sm