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*STYLE AND REGISTER*

*Exercise 1 – rewrite the following sentences using a more informal syntax or expressions where needed. Please note that sometimes the sentences are of mixed register and you need only rewrite part of the sentence*

1. …which I consider to be a very good thing, especially in small classes.
2. After this course, your “esteemed service” in checking my papers and stuff for work will be no longer necessary.
3. some of my friends made here will surely disagree
4. This will help in waking up every morning
5. I feared that my classmates had a background more akin to…..
6. I would like to wish you all the best in your studies and in general in your life.
7. I hope to achieve the most from these two years of the Master course
8. I have already had the opportunity to speak with the majority of the class
9. Well, the courses in themselves seem very interesting: the whole Degree course focuses on International and European Relations, and we deal wit the several topics from different perspectives.
10. The atmosphere in the city and the University is rather international, thus providing even more opportunities for self-development.
11. … and the university, which I’ve got the feeling is going to be the place where I’ll spend the greatest part of my time
12. Another important consideration
13. Classes and timetable ate coordinated in order to allow students to follow seminars and other events taking place in the University and organised by the School
14. My impressions are numerous
15. I have to communicate with them only in English.
16. The social environment is fine and intellectually stimulating.
17. Meanwhile it is my pleasure to invite you to come visiting me here in Trento whenever you desire.
18. Two of the flat-mates […]are introducing me to the new city and its opportunities: seeing the town from their perspective makes me grasp many unexpected…
19. That does bring me some discomfort…
20. There are lots of cool places and many initiatives
21. I want to dissipate all of your doubts
22. Now I would like to talk a little about Trento too, but only a quick overview because you will see it when you will fly here
23. One can find public gardens and boulevards in the innermost part of the city
24. To commute daily is not feasible from where I live
25. My major hope is that this course will provide me with the right skills and instruments to face different situations and possible careers
26. Considering the large amount of research work
27. I am willing to put all my efforts to make up for all the blank spaces
28. Trento’s residents are very kind and the city is filled by young people.
29. I really look forward to interact with my other classmates (a lot of them seem really nice)
30. Even in these circumstances, if one wants to do something not boring, they will certainly find it.

*Exercise 2 – decide which of these opening and closing salutations are most appropriate when writing to a FRIEND!!*

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| Good evening.  Hi dude,  Dear J/My dear Alice  (My) Dear Friend,  Hey there Enrico/Hey Julia  Hi Giorgia,  Hello there! | (I wish you) all the best  (best) regards  sincerely yours/yours sincerely  Take care.  Greet[s] everyone at home  Cheers  Hugs/Massive hugs/a big hug  Best wishes  Bye  Hope to see you soon  Love/much love/lots of love  Xxx  Talk to you soon/see you soon |

*Exercise 3 – Only TWO of the following linkers is informal in register. Which ones are they?*

*For all the other linkers, provide an informal alternative.*

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| regarding the location  on the one/other hand  in order to  Perhaps  Nonetheless,  Indeed  Besides  However  More specifically  Given that  Due to  Therefore  Thus (far) | Nevertheless  Moreover  Actually  Therefore For what concerns  This is mainly for two reasons. First of all,  In terms of  Concerning the lectures/for what concerns  To sum up/summarising  Despite  In addition (to that),  Furthermore  though |

*Exercise 4 – what are more informal ways of saying:*

1. participate in
2. lodgings
3. diligent
4. host (it will be easier to host you for some days)
5. inhabitants

*Many of you did use some authentic sounding informal phrases, among which:*

if you ever fancy a trip

Well…at last

I guess the impact is quite different

And that’s what matters, right?

it’s so awesome to speak another language

What about/how about