

Building Your Communication Wardrobe

LA.D.1.4.2: The student makes appropriate adjustments in language use for social, academic, and life situations, demonstrating sensitivity to gender and cultural bias.

Directions: Write each sentence from the Sentence List in the appropriate column below. Then rewrite each sentence twice so that the language is appropriate to each of the other categories.

T-shirt English	Khakis' English	Black Tie English
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
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9.	9.	9.
10.	10.	10.

Sentence List for “Building Your Communication Wardrobe”

1. “I would appreciate your assistance in this matter.”
2. “Whassup?”
3. “Thank you for your help.”
4. “I would welcome any constructive criticism you might provide regarding my essay.”
5. “May I go to the movies tonight?”
6. “I would be honored if you would accompany me to the prom.”
7. “Later.” (at the end of a phone conversation)
8. “My qualifications for this position are unsurpassed.”
9. “I did not understand yesterday’s lesson on adverbs.”
10. “I’m gonna ace the test next period.”

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Answer Key

Note to Teacher: This answer key provides the style that the sentence is currently written in and gives *suggestions* for how a student might rewrite it, but actual answers will vary.

1. "I would appreciate your assistance in this matter." – **Black Tie English**
Khakis' - Could you help me with this?
T-shirt - Give me a hand.

2. "Whassup?" – **T-shirt English**
Khakis' - How are you?
Black Tie – Good morning. It is a pleasure to see you again.

3. "Thank you for your help." – **Khakis' English**
T-shirt – Thanks.
Black Tie – It is with much gratitude that I accept your assistance.

4. "I would welcome any constructive criticism you might provide regarding my essay." – **Black Tie English**
Khakis' – Could you read my essay and let me know what you think?
T-shirt – Could you give me a hand with this paper I'm writing?

5. "May I go to the movies tonight?" – **Khakis' English**
T-shirt – Can I go see a flick?
Black Tie – Might I be permitted to attend the cinema this evening?

6. "I would be honored if you would accompany me to the prom." – **Black Tie English**
Khakis' – Would you go to the prom with me?
T-shirt – Wanna go to the prom?

7. "Later." (at the end of a phone conversation) – **T-shirt English**
Khakis' – Bye. I'll see you later.
Black Tie – Goodbye. I will look forward to seeing (or speaking with) you again.

8. "My qualifications for this position are unsurpassed." – **Black Tie English**
Khakis' – I am very qualified for this job.
T-shirt – I'm all over this job.

9. "I did not understand yesterday's lesson on adverbs." – **Khakis' English**
T-shirt – I don't get it.
Black Tie - I fear that I did not fully comprehend the discussion on adverbs.

10. "I'm gonna ace the test next period." – **T-shirt English**
Khakis' – I am going to get a good grade on the test next period.

Black Tie – I will excel in terms of my performance on the examination during the next class.