

Part 7 Formal and Informal Styles

I. Compare and discuss the pairs of sentences given below.

1. It is a widespread but unproven hypothesis that the parameters of significant personal change for persons in midlife are extremely narrow. / It is a widely held myth that middle-aged people can not change.
2. As I covered the boats with marsh grass, the perspiration I had worked up evaporated in the wind, making the cold morning air seem even colder. / As I covered the boats with marsh grass, the sweat I had worked up evaporated in the wind, making the cold morning air seem even colder.
3. A career in transportation management offers many things. / A career in transportation management offers challenges and rewards.
4. The fans were migrating up the bleachers in search of good seats./ The fans were climbing up the bleachers in search of good seats.
5. He stormed into the room like a bull in a China shop./ He stormed into the room like a tornado.
6. Hours of long practice often determine an excellent musician from a sloppy one./ Hours of long practice often make the difference between an excellent musician and a sloppy one.
7. I told him that he was playing with fire when I learned that he intended to spy on the trustees' meeting. /I told him that he was taking a terrible risk when I heard that he intended to spy on the trustees' meeting.
8. Crossing Utah' s salt flats in his new Corvette, my father flew under a full head of steam. /Crossing Utah's salt flats in his new Corvette, my father flew at jet speed.
9. When he heard about the accident he turned white as a sheet./ When he heard about the accident, the color drained from his face.
10. Migrations to famed locales of exotica are the diurnal activity of those who have easy access to excess financial resources. /Migrations to famed locales of exotica are the diurnal activity of those who have easy access to excess financial resources.