

Writing Style Exercises

You just won tickets to that thing you love as a prize in a contest sponsored by Cool Ranch Doritos™ that you forgot you entered three months ago! Bummer, though, you have both class and work on the day of the thing. Now you have to write a bunch of emails, because there's no way you're going to miss the thing, if at all possible.

Write an email to each of the following people:

- Your boss: You must get out of work!
- Your teacher: You are so not going to class, but your teacher is a total freak about attendance and pop quizzes and junk!
- Your buddy: You wouldn't dream of going to the thing without your buddy, but—oh, no!—your buddy is in class with you on that day. What do you say to your buddy? Will they write the instructor, ditch, or just not go to the thing? Email your buddy with a plan!

When you write your emails: imagine your boss, one of your teachers, and your best buddy. Try to imagine what you would say to each person in your email. Make your tone realistic for each situation. Once you have written the emails. Compare the style you used in each:

- What general differences do you see?
- Can you identify words and/or sentences that characterize the different styles?
- Which email do you think would be the most effective? Why?