

32.1 Using formal register

Revise each of the following sentences to use formal register consistently, eliminating colloquial or slang terms. (See *EasyWriter*, 32a.) Example:

Although ^{be excited} ~~I can get all enthused~~ about writing, ^{as soon as} ~~but~~ I sit down to write my mind goes ^{blank.} ~~right to sleep.~~

1. James Agee's most famous novel, *A Death in the Family*, focuses on a young boy and on what happens after his old man kicks in a car wreck.
2. He decided to buy his ticket while the getting was good.
3. This essay will trash Mr. Buckley's wacko argument.
4. We decided not to buy a bigger car that got lousy gas mileage and chose instead to keep our old Honda.
5. Our Spanish teacher packs a busload of information into each hour-long class.
6. After she had raced to the post office at ten minutes to five, she realized that she had completely spaced the fact that it was a federal holiday.
7. Portions of the Web are inaccessible to blind people, but creative types are coming up with new technology to help solve this problem.
8. Moby Dick's humongous size was matched only by Ahab's obsessive desire to wipe him out.
9. My family lived in Trinidad for the first ten years of my life, and we went through a lot; but when we came to America, we thought we had it made.
10. The class behaved so dreadfully in their regular teacher's absence that the substitute lost it.