

Express Thyself!

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Spoken

Use of personal pronouns

Shorter thought units that are easy to follow

Greater repetition of words and phrases to emphasize ideas

Colloquial words and contractions create a lively, conversational tone

Familiar words used to ensure audience understanding

Fewer references to previously stated information, i.e. "as mentioned above"

Written

Infrequent use of personal pronouns

More complicated sentence structures

Repetition of ideas through precise and varied language

Formal tone and infrequent use of colloquialisms

Rich and precise vocabulary used, regardless of audience

May refer to previously stated information, i.e. "as in the former"

Spoken vs. Written Language

Logical

structure

Cohesive.

fluid argument

Rich and

varied

evidence