

# angry

If you want to talk or write about someone being **angry**, there are lots of interesting words and phrases you can use. You must be careful when you use them though, because some of them are very informal. This means that although you might use these words and phrases with your friends, you would not use them in school exercises.

If someone is a little bit angry, they might be

**annoyed**  
**cross**  
**irritated**  
**displeased**

If someone is very angry, they might be

**mad**  
**hopping mad**  
**enraged**  
**furious**  
**irate**  
**raging**  
**beside themselves with anger**

If someone is in an angry mood, you could say that they

**are like a bear with a sore head**  
**got out of bed on the wrong side**

If someone loses their temper, you could say that they

**fly into a rage**  
**see red**  
**throw a tantrum**  
**lose their head**  
**blow their top**  
**blow a fuse**  
**fly off the handle**  
**hit the roof**

If you make someone angry, you

**make someone's blood boil**  
**drive someone mad**  
**drive someone up the wall**

If someone speaks angrily, they

**let fly**  
**rant and rave**  
**rage**  
**give someone a piece of their mind**  
**give someone the rough side of their tongue**

## Over to you

Can you make this piece of writing more lively by using some of the words and phrases above?

Dad was **angry** with me yesterday. He **became angry** when I broke the window. He **spoke angrily**, and told me I **made him angry**. He was **in an angry mood** for a long time afterwards.

Which words and phrases sound informal?