

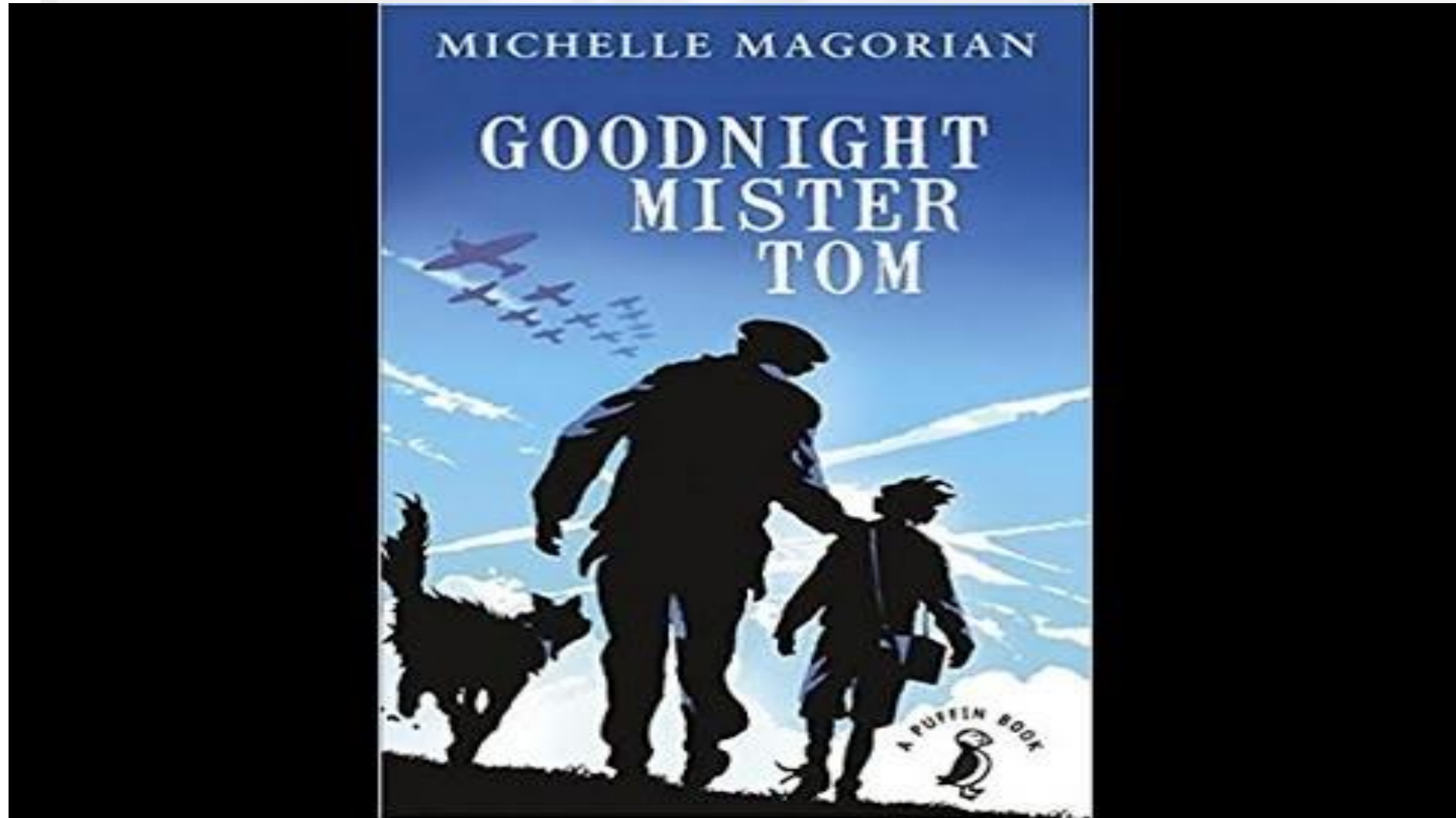


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LO: To select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect the level of formality required in a political address.

Listen to Chapter 6 of Goodnight Mister Tom until the address given by Neville Chamberlain.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDT3DJKXezw>





What do you think is the purpose of this statement?

Why do you think the villagers gathered together in such a way?

Why did the church fall silent?

What were the listeners thinking and feeling?

What might they be worried about?

This was a real speech that Chamberlain had to give to notify the country about the outbreak of war. Listen carefully to what he had to say.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2qIzHW-fDI>





How do you think Chamberlain felt about giving such a speech?

What were the main messages he was trying to get across?

Was his speech formal or informal?

How did his grammar and word choice help portray how serious the news was?

Formal Grammar and Vocabulary

- Serious tone
they were prepared at once to
- Subject specific vocabulary
proposals, obligations, defence
- Expanded words
could have
- Clear, purposeful information
this country is at war with Germany
- Complex sentences
Unless..., we would...
- Passive voice
which were rejected by
- Subjunctive form
I wish it were...
- Punctuation
colons, semi-colons, brackets

Have a look at the words and phrases.

In your note books and working in pairs, order these from least to most formal.

Can you think of examples from Chamberlain's speech that we could use for our formal register checklist?

We could also think of ideas that we could use when we write our own speeches.

* Complex sentence: a sentence containing a subordinate clause or clauses.

* Passive voice: The passive voice occurs when the object of the sentence (who or what receives the action) comes before the action. The subject usually comes after the verb. We use the passive voice when we want to place importance on the action rather than the subject. Examples Of The Passive Voice In A Sentence. For example, The toy **was chewed by** the puppy.

* Subjunctive form: Subjunctives are a form of verb or mood which is used to talk about things that should or could happen.

Grammatical Feature	Example from Chamberlain's speech?	I could use...
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Subject specific vocabulary		
Expanded words		
Clear, purposeful information		
Complex sentences		
Passive voice		
Subjunctive form		

Using Chamberlain's speech and the sentences openers on the next page to help you, write your own very formal speech addressing the nation to inform them that war has been declared.

You can do this!!



Sentence Openers

It is thought that...

I believe that...

Over recent months,

I have endeavoured to...

Despite many attempts...

In my view,

Further to this,

Without a doubt,

Subsequently,

In response to...

Up to the very last,

Although he now says...

In fulfilment of our obligations...

With a clear conscience,

At such a moment as this,



Challenge!

Can you manipulate the sentence structure in your speech to emphasise key parts of the speech?