

Informal & Formal Words List **A**

Informal ----- Formal

Avoid ----- Evade

Also ----- In Addition,

Ask ----- Enquire

Afraid ----- Fearful

At First ----- Initially

Ask For ----- Request

Again & Again ----- Repeatedly

A Bit ----- A Little



Informal & Formal Words List **B**

Informal ----- Formal

Bright/smart ----- Intelligent

Buy ----- Purchase

Build ----- Construct

But ----- However,

Bad ----- Negative

Beat up ----- Assault

Break out ----- Erupt

Block ----- Undermine



Informal & Formal Words List

Informal ----- Formal

Check ----- Verify

Come after ----- Follow

Choose ----- Select

Clear ----- Transparent

Come in ----- Enter

Call off ----- Cancel

Complex ----- Convoluted

Call on ----- Visit



Informal & Formal Words List **D**

Informal ----- Formal

Dirty/ polluted ----- Contaminated

Danger ----- Peril

Dare ----- Challenge

Dad ----- Father

Describe ----- Depict

Deal with ----- Handle

Dim ----- Indistinct

Death ----- Demise



Informal & Formal Words List

Informal ----- Formal

End ----- Terminate

Ease ----- Facilitate

Eager ----- Avid

Expect ----- Anticipate

Enough ----- Sufficient

Explain ----- Disclose

End ----- Terminate

Empty ----- Vacant



Informal & Formal Words List **F**

Informal ----- Formal

Friendly ----- Amiable

Free ----- Liberate

Fork out ----- Pay (money)

Fall out ----- Quarrel

Fight ----- Combat

Friendly ----- Amiable



Informal & Formal Words List **G**

Informal ----- Formal

Get ----- Receive

Get out ----- Escape

Go ----- Depart

Go before ----- Precede

Go after ----- Pursue

Good looking ----- Attractive

Give ----- Donate

Go down ----- Decrease



Informal & Formal Words List **H**

Informal ----- Formal

Hit out at ----- Criticise

Hungry ----- Famished

Here ----- Present

Help ----- Assist

Hopeless ----- Futile

Happy ----- Pleased

Hurry ----- Haste, hasten

Hurt ----- Damage



Informal & Formal Words List **L**

Informal ----- Formal

Look up to ----- Respect

Look at ----- Regard

Lucky ----- Fortunate

Lead to ----- Cause

Let ----- Allow

Lucky ----- Fortunate

Lack ----- Deficiency

Lack ----- Deficiency



Informal & Formal Words List **M**

Informal ----- Formal

Make up ----- Fabricate

Mainly ----- Principally

Mad ----- Insane

Maybe ----- Perhaps

Mend ----- Repair

Marvelous ----- Exceptional

Make up ----- Fabricate

Mainly ----- Principally



Informal & Formal Words List **P**

Informal ----- Formal

Put off ----- Postpone

Pay back ----- Repay

Put/ set down ----- Deposit

Pin down ----- Determine

Put in ----- Insert

Pick up ----- Collect

Put up with ----- Tolerate

Point out ----- Indicate



Informal & Formal Words List **R**

Informal ----- Formal

Really big ----- Considerable

Remove ----- Eliminate

Rack up ----- Accumulate

Refer to ----- Consult

Rich ----- Wealthy

Round ----- Circular

Right ----- Correct

Really big ----- Considerable



Informal & Formal Words List **S**

Informal ----- Formal

Show ----- Demonstrate

Show ----- Demonstrate

Speed up ----- Accelerate

Stop ----- Cease

Set up ----- Establish

Sick ----- ill

Stubborn ----- Obstinate

Start/ Begin ----- Commence



Informal & Formal Words List 7

Informal ----- Formal

Talk into ----- Persuade

Tired ----- Exhausted

Throw away ----- Discard

Take out ----- Remove

Test ----- Experiment

Thanks ----- Gratitude

Tough ----- Difficult

Try out ----- Test



Informal & Formal Words List **W**

Informal ----- Formal

Wood ----- Timber

Want/ hope ----- Desire

Wrong ----- Incorrect

Wait for ----- Await

Want ----- Desire

Worse ----- Inferior

Whole ----- Entire

Wood ----- Timber



Informal & Informal Words List

Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
At First	Initially	Lucky	Fortunate
Build	Construct	Mad	Insane
Choose	Select	Next	Subsequently
Dare	Challenge	Okay	Acceptable
Eager	Avid	Put	Deposit
Fork out	Pay	Rack up	Accumulate
Go	Depart	Stop	Cease
Here	Present	Throw away	Discard
Iron out	Solve	Wrong	Incorrect
Kids	Children	Afraid	Fearful

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Informal

Formal

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Formal

Deal with	Handle	Test	Experiment
Enough	Sufficient	Want	Desire
Fight	Combat	Avoid	Evade
Give	Donate	Beat up	Assault
Hopeless	Futile	Call off	Cancel
Let	Allow	Dim	Indistinct
Mend	Repair	Explain	Disclose
Put in	Insert	Go down	Decrease
Rich	Wealthy	Happy	Pleased
Start	Commence	Hurry	Haste

Informal & Informal Words List

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Anyway	Nevertheless	Shorten	Decrease
Break out	Erupt	Thanks	Gratitude
Complex	Convolved	Worse	Inferior
Death	Demise	Ask Out	Invite
End	Terminate	Block	Undermine
Go through	Examine	Call on	Visit
Hurt	Damage	Deal with	Manage
Lucky	Fortunate	Enjoyment	Gratification
Marvelous	Exceptional	Good for	Beneficial
Pick up	Collect	Hopeless	Futile

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Say no

Reject

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Choose

Try out

Test

Tough

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Boss

Employer

Whole

Entire

Chance

Opportunity

At Once

Immediately

Go ahead

Proceed

Blow up

Explode

Let

Permit

Childish

Infantile

Small

Diminutive

Go ahead

Proceed

Talk about

Discuss

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Dirty	Contaminated	Need	Require
End	Terminate	Old	Elderly
Friendly	Amiable	Put off	Postpone
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Hit out at	Criticise	Show	Demonstrate
Idea	Notion	Talk into	Persuade
Job	Occupation	Wood	Timber

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Brave	Courageous	Keep	Preserve
Cheap	Inexpensive	Better	Improved
Go up	Increase	Make up	Fabricate
Live	Reside	Climb	Ascend
See	Observe	Old	Elderly
Throw out	Eject	Give up	Quit
Get	Receive	Really big	Considerable
Bring in	Introduce	Leave out	Omit
Idea	Notion	Try	Endeavour
Job	Occupation	Seem	Appear