

Formal & Informal English

Formal	Informal
Numerous	A lot of
Nevertheless	Anyways
Improved	Better
Undermine	Block
Explode	Blow up
Fail/collapse	Break down
Suspend/adjourn	Break off
Disintegrate	Break up
Cause	Bring about
Introduce	Bring in
Visit	Call on
Is capable of	Can
Immature	Childish
Return	Come back
Reach/attain	Come up to
Enter	Come/go in
Might be able to	Could
Handle	Deal with
Withdraw (from)	Drop out of
Gratification	Enjoyment
Marvelous	Exceptional
Fidelity	Faithfulness
Substitute, inform	Fill in
Discover	Find out
Release	Free
On the behalf of	From (company)

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Humorous, amusing	Funny
Obtain	Get
Escape	Get away
Contact	Get in touch with
Bother	Get on someone's nerves
Yield	Give in
Distribute	Give out
Authorize	Give the go-ahead
Quit	Give up
Return	Give/bring back
Oppose	Go against
Proceed	Go ahead
Leave/depart	Go away
Precede	Go before
Decrease	Go down
Exit	Go out of
Increase	Go up
Futile	Hopeless
Residence	House
Famished	Hungry
It concerns, it's in regards to	It's about
Retain	Keep
Maintain properly	Keep up
Cause	Lead to
Omit	Leave out

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Permit	Let
Connect	Link up
Energetic	Lively
Examine	Look at
Seek	Look for
Investigate	Look into
Resemble	Look like
Much, many	Lots of/ A lot of
Discern	Make out
Fabricate	Makeup
Repair	Mend
Required	Need to
Moreover/furthermore	Plus/also
Indicate	Point out
Insert	Put in
Postpone	Put off
Tolerate	Put up
Tolerate	Put up with
Deposit	Put/set down
Accumulate	Rack up
Considerable	Really big
Consult	Refer to
Call	Ring up
Appear	Seem

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Display	Set out
Establish	Set up
Choose	Settle for
Demonstrate, illustrate, portray	Show
Arrive	Show up
Address	Speak to
Represent	Stand for
Commence	Start
Remove	Take away
Remove	Take out
Discuss/consider	Talk about
Gratitude	Thanks
Consider/ponder	Think about
Conceive	Think of
Discard	Throw away
Eject	Throw out
Fatigued	Tired
Large quantities of, A number of	Tons of, heaps of
Test	Try out
Await	Wait for
Entire/complete	Whole
Inferior	Worse