

Verbs: Formal and Informal Words

This list includes common informal verbs or verb phrases, along with their formal counterparts. We've put the formal words in parentheses.

- Tell me more (elaborate)
- Be done (finished)
- Show (demonstrate)
- Give (provide)
- Make up (fabricate)
- Find out (discover)
- Leave out (omit)
- Point out (indicate)
- Show up (arrive)
- Deal with (handle)
- Put off (postpone)
- Go against (oppose)
- Clear out (vacate)
- Stand for (represent)
- Get rid of (eliminate)

Adjectives: Formal and Informal Words

There are formal and informal adjectives, too. Here are some common examples.

- Huge (enormous)
- Tiny (diminutive)
- Okay (acceptable)

- Friendly (amiable)
- Rude (disagreeable)
- Messed up (damaged)
- Bad (negative)
- Good (positive)
- Rich (wealthy)
- Sad (despondent)
- Old (dated)
- Easy (simple)
- Fast (timely)
- Happy (pleased)
- Cheap (inexpensive)

Transitions: Informal and Formal Words

- Anyways (at any rate)
- Plus (moreover)
- So (thus)
- Also (additionally)
- But (however)
- Meanwhile (in the interim)
- In a nutshell (in sum)
- Basically (to summarize)
- And then (furthermore)