

## **Examples of Less Formal & More Formal Expressions in English**

<b>Less Formal</b>	<b>More Formal</b>
<b>a lot of</b>	many, much, numerous, a great deal of
<b>about</b>	regarding
<b>after that</b>	thereafter
<b>also / plus</b>	moreover
<b>answer</b>	respond
<b>ask for</b>	request
<b>at first</b>	initially
<b>better</b>	superior, improved
<b>breathing</b>	respiration
<b>buy</b>	purchase
<b>cheap</b>	inexpensive
<b>drink</b>	beverage
<b>eat</b>	consume
<b>end</b>	terminate, complete
<b>enough</b>	sufficient
<b>fix</b>	repair
<b>get</b>	obtain, acquire
<b>help</b>	assist, assistance
<b>home</b>	residence
<b>in the end</b>	finally, ultimately
<b>I've got to / I have to</b>	I must, It is necessary for me to
<b>kind of / sort of</b>	rather, somewhat
<b>leave</b>	depart
<b>let</b>	permit

<b>live</b>	reside
<b>lively</b>	animated
<b>need</b>	require, necessity/requirement
<b>next/later</b>	subsequently
<b>OK / all right</b>	acceptable, satisfactory
<b>old</b>	elderly
<b>people</b>	persons, individuals
<b>people say that...</b>	it is said that...
<b>right away</b>	immediately
<b>seem</b>	appear
<b>show</b>	demonstrate
<b>so</b>	therefore, thus, consequently
<b>start</b>	begin, commence
<b>start again</b>	resume
<b>stop</b>	cease
<b>sweat</b>	perspire, perspiration
<b>tell</b>	inform
<b>that's why</b>	therefore
<b>try</b>	attempt
<b>very, really</b>	quite
<b>want</b>	desire, would like, wish
<b>watch</b>	observe
<b>whole</b>	entire
<b>work</b>	function
<b>wrong</b>	incorrect
<b>you (<i>generic</i>)</b>	one, everyone