

Informal/Neutral	Formal
agreement	accord
almost, more or less	virtually
although	albeit
argue against, disagree with	contest (v)
As everybody knows	It is well known that; It is generally agreed that; It is widely accepted / understood / believed that / It is generally believed that
ask	pose
ask (somebody to do something)	call on
ask for	appeal for
bad	undesireable; not preferable; poor; ineffective
be based on	rest on
be made up of	consist of
be more, higher, greater than	exceed
behaviour	conduct(n)
besides	Additionally; What's more; Furthermore; It is also true that,
big	major; large; important; significant
carry out, do (less formal)	conduct
clothes	attire
come back, go back, get back	return
deal with	treat
decrease, grow smaller	diminish
direct, order	instruct
dorm	dormitory
exam (slightly informal)	examination
friendly	cordial
get in (informal)	be accepted / be offered a place
get rid of	dispose of
give	administer
give	deliver
give attention to	address (v)
go into	discuss
good	preferable; beneficial; effective; advantageous
go through	check
having said that	nevertheless
house, flat, apartment	dwelling
husband, wife	spouse
in more detail	in greater detail
in short, to sum up, summing up	in sum, in summary
initiate, start something	instigate
job, profession	occupation
judge	adjudicate
keep	maintain
lab	laboratory
large, big	substantial
last	endure
last	final
lately	recently
list	catalogue (v)
look back over, go over	revise
look into (slightly informal)	investigate
lots of	many; a considerable number of (for countable nouns); a great deal / amount of / a considerable amount of (for uncountable nouns)
mainly	primarily

make up	constitute
more and more	an increasing number / a growing / rising number (for countable nouns) / an increasing amount; a growing amount (for uncountable nouns); increasingly
nowadays	In recent years; In recent times; Recently; Currently; Today
obtain, get (informal)	secure (v)
obtain, get (less formal)	acquire
only	sole(ly)
over, higher than	in excess of
pecking order	hierarchy
permit	sanction (v)
point out	observe
point up	highlight
postgrad (informal)	postgraduate
promise	pledge
pros and cons (informal)	advantages and disadvantages
put forward	present
quit (informal)	resign
read, look ac	consult (v)
really	highly; notably; greatly; abundantly
recap	recapitulate
record, write about	document (v)
refer to	make reference to
rep (informal)	representative
result in, experience	incur
right	correct
set out	describe
set out (to do X)	aim
show	demonstrate
skip (informal)	omit, not attend something
slightly, a little, a bit (informal)	somewhat
solve, end	resolve
speak/talk about	address, speak to
support, encourage	advocate (v)
swap (informal)	exchange
take, have a look at (informal)	examine
talk of, talk about (less formal)	speak of
There's no way X,, {rather informal)	X is not possible) not correct
time	occasion
try, have a shot at (informal)	attempt
typical	characteristic (adj)
unsuitable	inappropriate
use something effectively	utilise
with regard to, as far as X is concerned, as far as X goes (informal)	In respect of, with respect to
write	compose
wrong	improper
wrong (rather more direct than incorrect)	incorrect
Yours sincerely, best wishes (less formal), best (informal)	Yours faithfully

(n) = noun; (v) = verb; (adj) = adjective