

1000+ Formal and Informal Words in English

Formal vs Informal English Vocabulary Book

Informal	Formal
ask	inquire
help	assist
buy	purchase
put off	postpone

616+ matched informal-formal pairs • 1232+ vocabulary entries

Short meanings • Category-based learning • Quick navigation • Easy-to-scan tables

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How to Use This Book

Formal and informal words help you choose English that fits the situation. Informal English is common with friends, family, and familiar people. Formal English is more common in academic writing, business messages, applications, reports, and official communication.

Informal English	Relaxed conversations, friendly messages, everyday speech
Formal English	School, work, business, reports, official or respectful communication

Learn in pairs. Read the informal word first, then its formal alternative. Use the short meaning to understand the context. Not every pair is interchangeable in every sentence, so always match the word to the situation.

Informal	Formal	Short Meaning / Use
ask	inquire	Ask for information
help	assist	Give support
buy	purchase	Pay to obtain
find out	discover	Learn information
put off	postpone	Delay something

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Vocabulary coverage: 616+ matched pairs, giving 1232+ informal and formal vocabulary entries and expressions.

1. Everyday Actions

Common daily verbs and their more formal alternatives.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
get	obtain	receive or acquire
give	provide	supply something
ask	inquire	seek information
tell	inform	give information
show	demonstrate	make something clear
help	assist	give support
use	utilize	put to practical use
fix	repair	restore working condition
start	commence	begin
end	conclude	bring to an end
stop	cease	discontinue
try	attempt	make an effort
need	require	be necessary
want	desire	wish to have
choose	select	pick an option
check	verify	confirm accuracy
make	create	produce something
build	construct	make a structure
put	place	position something
take away	remove	move something away
keep	retain	continue to have
leave	depart	go away
go	proceed	move forward
come	arrive	reach a place
find	locate	discover a position

2. Common Phrasal Verbs

Informal phrasal verbs often have concise formal equivalents.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
put off	postpone	delay
find out	discover	learn information
look into	investigate	examine carefully
come up with	devise	create an idea or plan
go up	increase	become higher
go down	decrease	become lower
set up	establish	create or organize
take over	assume control	gain responsibility
get rid of	eliminate	remove completely
carry out	conduct	perform a task
point out	indicate	draw attention to
bring about	cause	make something happen
call off	cancel	decide not to continue
back up	support	provide evidence
turn down	reject	refuse
put up with	tolerate	accept something unpleasant
run into	encounter	meet unexpectedly
work out	resolve	find a solution
look for	search for	try to find
deal with	address	handle a matter
take part	participate	join an activity
go on	continue	keep happening
keep on	persist	continue doing
think over	consider	think carefully
leave out	omit	not include

3. Speaking and Communication

Useful pairs for conversations, messages, reports, and presentations.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
say	state	express formally
talk about	discuss	speak about a subject
mention	refer to	speak of briefly
answer	respond	give a reply
explain	clarify	make understandable
write down	record	put in writing
sum up	summarize	give main points
bring up	raise	introduce a topic
ask for	request	seek politely
call	contact	communicate with
get in touch	contact	establish communication
let someone know	notify	give official information
say sorry	apologize	express regret
say thanks	express gratitude	show appreciation
promise	pledge	make a serious promise
agree	concur	share the same view
disagree	dissent	hold a different view
complain	lodge a complaint	express dissatisfaction
argue	dispute	challenge a claim
chat	converse	talk with someone
read over	review	examine written material
fill in	complete	add required information
leave out	exclude	not include
talk to	consult	seek advice or input
speak for	represent	act or speak for another

4. Requests and Instructions

Polite and official alternatives for requests, permission, and directions.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
ask someone to	request that	seek an action politely
tell someone to	instruct	give a direction
say yes	consent	agree formally
say no	decline	refuse politely
let	permit	give permission
allow officially	authorize	give official permission
stop someone from	prohibit	forbid officially
make someone	require	make necessary
remind officially	notify	bring to attention
warn	caution	alert about risk
show how	demonstrate	explain by action
make clear	clarify	remove confusion
ask again	reiterate a request	repeat a request
wait	remain	stay for a period
check	confirm	verify information
send on	forward	pass onward
give in	submit	present officially
sign off	authorize	approve formally
say you got it	acknowledge receipt	confirm receiving
promise to do	undertake	commit formally
agree to	approve	accept formally
say no to	reject	refuse
take back	withdraw	remove a statement or request
follow a rule	comply	act according to a rule
do as asked	adhere to	follow a requirement

5. Work and Business

Vocabulary frequently used in offices, companies, and professional communication.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
boss	supervisor	person managing work
worker	employee	person employed
coworker	colleague	person you work with
job	occupation	type of employment
job opening	vacancy	available position
customer	client	person receiving services
hire	employ	give someone a job
fire	dismiss	end employment
quit	resign	leave a job voluntarily
pay	remuneration	money for work
money	funds	available financial resources
job duties	responsibilities	required work
skills	competencies	work abilities
goal	objective	desired result
plan	strategy	organized approach
result	outcome	final effect
problem	issue	matter needing attention
idea	proposal	suggested plan
rules	policies	organizational guidelines
deal	agreement	business arrangement
work group	personnel	people employed
help at work	support	workplace assistance
check performance	evaluate	assess quality
comments	feedback	response to work
job training	professional development	work-related learning

6. Meetings and Professional Discussion

More professional choices for meetings, decisions, and team discussions.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
talk	discussion	exchange of ideas
get together	meeting	organized gathering
go over	review	examine carefully
figure out	determine	reach a conclusion
think about	consider	examine mentally
agree on	approve	accept a proposal
put forward	propose	suggest formally
give ideas	contribute	add useful input
write it down	document	create a written record
finish the meeting	conclude	end formally
start the meeting	commence	begin formally
delay it	defer	move to a later time
meet again	reconvene	assemble again
join the meeting	attend	be present
skip the meeting	be absent	not attend
lead the meeting	chair	manage proceedings
start proceedings	open	begin formally
decide officially	resolve	reach a formal decision
agree together	reach consensus	share one decision
send around	circulate	distribute information
follow up	pursue	continue after discussion
go through	examine	review in detail
write minutes	record proceedings	document meeting details
end discussion	close proceedings	finish formally
change the agenda	revise the agenda	alter meeting topics

7. Academic English

Common formal alternatives used in school, essays, reports, and research.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
kids	children	young people
teacher	instructor	person who teaches
school work	coursework	academic work
test	examination	formal assessment
homework	assignment	assigned academic task
idea	concept	thought or principle
look at	examine	study carefully
find out	determine	discover through study
prove	establish	show as true
use	employ	apply a method
enough	sufficient	as much as needed
wrong	incorrect	not accurate
right	correct	accurate
clear	evident	easy to see or understand
maybe	possibly	perhaps
mostly	primarily	mainly
about	approximately	nearly a number
first	initially	at the beginning
then	subsequently	afterward
last	finally	at the end
so	therefore	shows a result
also	additionally	adds information
but	however	shows contrast
look at closely	analyze	examine in detail

8. Research and Evidence

Useful vocabulary for studies, analysis, data, and evidence-based writing.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
check	assess	evaluate carefully
look into	research	study systematically
find	identify	recognize or locate
find proof	establish evidence	support a claim
guess	hypothesize	form a testable idea
test out	evaluate	check effectiveness
watch	observe	monitor carefully
write down data	record data	document findings
group together	classify	organize by type
compare closely	contrast	examine differences
show a link	demonstrate an association	indicate a relationship
add up	calculate	compute a total
count	enumerate	list or total items
measure	quantify	express numerically
check again	validate	confirm reliability
prove again	replicate	repeat to confirm
look at results	interpret findings	explain meaning
make a conclusion	infer	reach from evidence
change a factor	manipulate a variable	alter experimentally
keep the same	control	hold constant
pick people	select participants	choose study subjects
ask questions	survey	collect responses
talk in detail	interview	collect detailed responses
collect information	gather data	obtain research information
share results	disseminate findings	make results available

9. Thinking and Opinions

Formal choices for reasoning, beliefs, judgments, and viewpoints.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
think	consider	examine mentally
believe	maintain	hold an opinion
guess	assume	accept without proof
know	be aware	have knowledge
understand	comprehend	grasp meaning
remember	recall	bring back to mind
forget	fail to recall	not remember
notice	observe	become aware
see	perceive	become aware of
think deeply	reflect on	consider carefully
decide	determine	make a decision
pick	select	choose
expect	anticipate	think something will happen
worry	be concerned	feel anxiety
wonder	question	think with uncertainty
figure out	ascertain	discover with certainty
make sense	be coherent	be understandable
imagine	envisage	form a mental picture
learn	acquire knowledge	gain information
realize	recognize	become aware
doubt	question	be uncertain
trust	rely on	depend confidently
be sure	be certain	have no doubt
think again	reconsider	review a decision
think is important	regard as significant	consider important

10. Feelings and Attitudes

Informal descriptions of feelings with more formal or precise alternatives.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
happy	pleased	feeling satisfaction
sad	sorrowful	feeling sadness
angry	irate	very angry
mad	displeased	angry or dissatisfied
afraid	apprehensive	worried about danger
scared	frightened	feeling fear
worried	concerned	feeling anxiety
calm	composed	emotionally controlled
excited	enthusiastic	showing strong interest
tired	fatigued	lacking energy
bored	uninterested	not engaged
surprised	astonished	very surprised
shocked	appalled	strongly disturbed
confused	perplexed	unable to understand
proud	gratified	pleased with achievement
sorry about it	remorseful	feeling regret
kind	considerate	thoughtful toward others
rude	discourteous	not polite
nice	pleasant	agreeable
mean	unkind	not considerate
friendly	cordial	warm and polite
honest	candid	truthful and direct
careful	cautious	acting with care
careless	negligent	failing to take care
lazy	indolent	unwilling to work

11. Relationships and Social Life

Vocabulary for personal relationships, social behavior, and everyday interaction.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
hang out	socialize	spend time with others
meet up	meet	come together
get together	assemble	gather in one place
fall out	quarrel	have an argument
make up	reconcile	become friendly again
break up	end a relationship	separate as partners
get married	marry	become spouses
ask out	invite on a date	request a romantic meeting
get along	maintain a good relationship	interact well
look after	care for	take responsibility for
grow up	mature	become an adult
bring up a child	raise	care for a child
look up to	admire	respect someone
put down	belittle	make someone feel inferior
show off	boast	display proudly
make fun of	ridicule	mock someone
tell off	reprimand	criticize for bad behavior
calm down	compose oneself	become calmer
cheer up	encourage	improve someone's mood
help out	assist	give support
stick with	remain loyal to	continue supporting
count on	rely on	depend on
come over	visit	go to someone's home
drop by	visit briefly	make a short visit
keep in touch	maintain contact	continue communication

12. Time and Scheduling

Useful formal alternatives for timing, sequence, frequency, and planning.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
now	currently	at the present time
right away	immediately	without delay
soon	shortly	in a short time
later	subsequently	afterward
before	prior to	earlier than
after	following	later than
at the same time	simultaneously	happening together
every day	daily	each day
every week	weekly	each week
every month	monthly	each month
every year	annually	each year
for now	temporarily	for a limited period
in the end	ultimately	finally
from now on	henceforth	from this time forward
ahead of time	in advance	before required time
on time	punctually	at the expected time
late	delayed	after expected time
a while	a period	an amount of time
short-lived	temporary	lasting briefly
earlier	previously	at an earlier time
lately	recently	not long ago
next	subsequent	following
straight away	promptly	without unnecessary delay
someday	eventually	at an unknown future time
all the time	continually	very frequently

13. Quantity and Degree

More precise alternatives for amounts, levels, and intensity.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
a lot of	numerous	many
lots of	substantial	large in amount
a bit	slightly	to a small degree
kind of	somewhat	to some degree
really	highly	to a strong degree
super	extremely	very strongly
enough	adequate	as much as required
too much	excessive	more than acceptable
more	additional	extra
less	reduced	smaller amount
almost	nearly	not completely
around	approximately	roughly
only	solely	exclusively
mostly	predominantly	mainly
partly	partially	not completely
fully	entirely	completely
all of it	the entirety	the whole amount
some	certain	an unspecified amount
many	numerous	a large number
few	limited	a small number
big amount	considerable	large in amount
tiny	minuscule	extremely small
huge	enormous	extremely large
common	prevalent	frequently occurring
rare	infrequent	not common

14. Quality and Description

Informal descriptive words with more formal or precise alternatives.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
good	beneficial	producing a positive result
bad	adverse	producing a negative result
great	excellent	very good
okay	acceptable	good enough
cheap	inexpensive	low in price
pricey	expensive	high in price
clean	sanitary	hygienic
dirty	unsanitary	not hygienic
safe	secure	protected from harm
dangerous	hazardous	likely to cause harm
easy	straightforward	not difficult
hard	difficult	requiring effort
fast	rapid	moving quickly
slow	gradual	happening slowly
strong	robust	strong and effective
weak	fragile	easily damaged
clear	unambiguous	having one clear meaning
unclear	ambiguous	open to different meanings
useful	valuable	providing benefit
useless	ineffective	not producing results
fair	equitable	just and balanced
unfair	inequitable	not fair
true	accurate	correct
false	inaccurate	not correct
weird	unusual	not normal or expected

15. Problems and Solutions

More formal vocabulary for errors, risks, difficulties, and corrective action.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
mess	disorder	lack of organization
trouble	difficulty	a problem
bug	defect	technical problem
glitch	malfunction	temporary failure
mistake	error	something incorrect
mix-up	misunderstanding	confusion
fix	remedy	solution
danger	hazard	possible source of harm
damage	deterioration	reduction in condition
breakdown	failure	loss of function
shortage	deficit	insufficient amount
delay	postponement	later-than-planned action
fight	dispute	serious disagreement
complaint	grievance	formal dissatisfaction
lie	falsehood	untrue statement
cheat	deceive	act dishonestly
steal	misappropriate	take without permission
get worse	deteriorate	become worse
get better	improve	become better
sort out	resolve	find a solution
fix an error	rectify	correct a problem
stop it happening	prevent	keep from happening
make up for	compensate for	balance a loss
handle a problem	address	deal with a problem
lower the risk	mitigate	reduce seriousness or risk

16. Change and Progress

Words for development, movement, reduction, improvement, and transformation.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
get bigger	expand	increase in size
get smaller	contract	decrease in size
speed up	accelerate	become faster
slow down	decelerate	become slower
make better	improve	increase quality
make worse	aggravate	increase severity
change	modify	alter something
change completely	transform	change greatly
stay the same	remain unchanged	continue in one state
keep	maintain	preserve a condition
grow	develop	increase or progress
cut	reduce	make smaller
add	include	put something in
swap	substitute	replace one thing
join	combine	bring together
split	divide	separate into parts
move	relocate	change location
begin	initiate	start
finish	complete	bring to completion
carry on	proceed	continue
happen	occur	take place
make bigger	enlarge	increase size
make smaller	diminish	reduce size or importance
bring up to date	update	make current

17. Travel and Transport

Formal alternatives for movement, journeys, bookings, and transport situations.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
get in	enter	move inside
get out	exit	leave
go away	depart	leave a place
come back	return	go back
go ahead	proceed	continue forward
move on	proceed onward	continue
get to	reach	arrive at
show up	arrive	reach a place
take off	depart	aircraft leaves ground
touch down	land	aircraft reaches ground
stop over	make a stopover	pause during travel
book	reserve	arrange in advance
check in	register	confirm arrival
check out	complete departure	leave accommodation
pick up	collect	get a person or item
drop off	deliver	take to a location
miss a train	fail to catch	be too late
get lost	lose one's way	become unsure of location
get around	travel locally	move around an area
head for	proceed toward	move in a direction
go through	pass through	travel through
cross	traverse	move across
drive	operate a vehicle	control a vehicle
walk across	cross on foot	move across by walking
change trains	transfer	move to another service

18. Money and Shopping

Vocabulary for payments, prices, refunds, purchases, and financial matters.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
buy	purchase	pay to obtain
pay a bill	settle an account	pay an amount owed
spend	expend	use money
save money	set aside funds	keep money for later
borrow	obtain a loan	receive money temporarily
lend	provide a loan	give money temporarily
price	cost	amount required
bill	invoice	request for payment
proof you bought it	proof of purchase	purchase evidence
money off	discount	reduced price
sale	promotion	reduced-price period
good deal	favorable offer	advantageous price
stuff for sale	goods	items for sale
shop	retailer	business selling goods
seller	vendor	person or company selling
buyer	purchaser	person buying
cash	funds	available money
enough money	sufficient funds	required amount available
broke	without funds	having little money
rich	wealthy	having substantial money
pay back	repay	return borrowed money
get money back	receive a refund	recover payment
give money back	reimburse	repay an expense
money owed	outstanding balance	unpaid amount
pay bit by bit	pay in installments	pay in separate amounts

19. Technology and Internet

Everyday technology language with more formal technical wording.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
log in	access an account	enter a system
log out	terminate a session	leave an account
set up	configure	prepare a system
shut down	terminate operation	close a system
turn on	activate	start operation
turn off	deactivate	stop operation
start up	initialize	begin system operation
plug in	connect	attach to a device
unplug	disconnect	remove a connection
back up	create a backup	copy data safely
delete	remove	take data away
wipe	erase	remove data completely
save	store	keep data
send	transmit	transfer information
get data	receive data	obtain information
upload	transfer to a server	send data online
download	retrieve	receive online data
click	select	choose on screen
tap	select on screen	choose on touchscreen
scroll	navigate	move through content
bug	software defect	programming problem
crash	system failure	sudden system stop
freeze	become unresponsive	stop responding
hack	gain unauthorized access	enter without permission
fix a tech problem	troubleshoot	find and correct problems

20. Health and Medical Situations

Everyday health terms and common formal or clinical alternatives.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
sick	ill	unwell
get sick	become ill	develop illness
hurt someone	injure	cause physical harm
pain	discomfort	unpleasant physical feeling
ache	persistent pain	continuing discomfort
cut	laceration	skin wound
bruise	contusion	injury under the skin
swollen	inflamed	enlarged due to irritation
throw up	vomit	empty stomach contents
pass out	lose consciousness	become unconscious
wake up again	regain consciousness	become conscious again
dizzy	light-headed	feeling unsteady
get better	recover	return to health
check a patient	examine	assess medically
doctor	physician	medical professional
meds	medication	medicine
shot	injection	medicine given by needle
operation	surgery	medical procedure
check-up	medical examination	routine health assessment
heal	recover	return to normal condition
spread illness	transmit	pass an illness
catch an illness	contract an illness	become infected
take meds	take medication	use prescribed medicine

21. Law and Government

Formal alternatives used in legal, civic, and administrative contexts.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
cops	police	law-enforcement service
cop	police officer	individual officer
jail	correctional facility	place of detention
break the law	violate the law	act illegally
rule	regulation	official requirement
laws	legislation	laws collectively
get arrested	be detained	be taken into custody
blame officially	accuse	claim responsibility
sue	file a lawsuit	begin legal action
court body	tribunal	body deciding legal matters
lawyer	attorney	legal professional
proof	evidence	information supporting a claim
say it under oath	testify	give formal evidence
tell the truth in court	testify truthfully	give truthful evidence
lie officially	make a false statement	provide untrue information
steal	commit theft	take property illegally
break in	enter unlawfully	enter without permission
kick out legally	evict	legally remove
ban	prohibit	officially forbid
allow	permit	officially allow
ask officially	petition	make a formal request
give an order	direct	issue an official instruction
cancel officially	revoke	officially withdraw
vote	cast a ballot	take part in an election
make a new law	enact legislation	create law formally

22. Home and Daily Life

Formal equivalents for common household and daily routine vocabulary.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
home	residence	place where someone lives
place to live	dwelling	a home or residence
stuff	belongings	personal possessions
things	items	individual objects
get up	arise	leave bed
wake up	awaken	stop sleeping
go to bed	retire	go to sleep
eat	consume	take food
eat dinner	dine	have a meal
cook	prepare food	make food
clean up	tidy	put in order
wash clothes	launder	clean clothing
throw away	discard	get rid of
put away	store	place for later
take out	remove	move outside
turn on a device	activate	start a device
turn off a device	deactivate	stop a device
fix something	repair	restore condition
move in	take up residence	begin living somewhere
move out	vacate	leave a residence
live	reside	have a home
stay for a while	reside temporarily	live somewhere briefly
get ready	prepare	make yourself ready
use a machine	operate	control equipment
look after property	maintain	keep in good condition

23. News and Media

Vocabulary often used in journalism, reports, websites, and public communication.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
news story	report	reported information
story	account	description of events
tell the news	report	provide information
show in a picture	depict	represent visually
say officially	state	express information
claim without proof	allege	state without confirmed proof
check facts	verify	confirm accuracy
fake	false	not genuine
rumor	unverified report	unconfirmed information
proof	supporting evidence	information backing a claim
chat with a reporter	interview	question-and-answer discussion
photo	photograph	still image
picture	image	visual representation
video	recording	recorded visual material
ad	advertisement	promotional message
TV	television	broadcast medium
paper	newspaper	printed news publication
site	website	online location
put online	publish	make content public
share widely	distribute	send to others
go viral	gain widespread attention	spread rapidly online
take down	remove	delete published material
leak	disclose	reveal confidential information
find out the facts	confirm	establish facts
write-up	article	written report

24. Linking Words and Transitions

Formal connectors commonly used in essays, reports, and professional writing.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
plus	in addition	add another point
still	nevertheless	contrast despite facts
actually	in fact	clarify or correct
basically	fundamentally	express the main idea
maybe	perhaps	show possibility
probably	presumably	show likely possibility
of course	certainly	show confidence
for example	for instance	introduce an example
like	such as	give examples
because of	due to	give a reason
even though	although	show contrast
if	provided that	give a condition
while	whereas	compare differences
next	thereafter	show following stage
finally	ultimately	show final stage
by the way	incidentally	add side information
on the other hand	conversely	show opposite perspective
in other words	that is to say	restate meaning
to sum up	in conclusion	introduce summary
anyway	nevertheless	return despite contrast

25. Email and Formal Expressions

Ready-to-use informal and formal expressions for messages, emails, and polite communication.

Informal English	Formal English	Short Meaning / When to Use
I want...	I would like...	make a polite request
Can you help me?	Could you assist me?	ask for help
Tell me.	Please inform me.	request information
Sorry.	I apologize.	express regret
Thanks.	Thank you.	express gratitude
No problem.	You are welcome.	reply to thanks
I can't come.	I am unable to attend.	decline attendance
I don't know.	I am not aware.	lack information
I think...	In my opinion...	give a view
I agree.	I concur.	agree formally
We need to...	It is necessary to...	express necessity
You have to...	You are required to...	state a requirement
It's okay.	It is acceptable.	give approval
That's wrong.	That is incorrect.	correct information
I need help.	I require assistance.	request support
Wait a moment.	Please wait briefly.	ask someone to wait
Come in.	Please enter.	invite entry
Send it to me.	Please forward it to me.	request a document
Call me.	Please contact me.	request contact
Check this.	Please review this.	request review
Fix this.	Please resolve this issue.	request correction
Let me know.	Please notify me.	request an update
Give me more details.	Please provide further details.	request information
I got your email.	I received your email.	confirm receipt
I'll get back to you.	I will respond shortly.	promise a response

Final Learning Check

Choose words by audience and purpose. Use informal English for relaxed everyday communication. Use formal English when the context is academic, professional, official, or especially polite.

Situation	Better Choice	Example
Chat with a friend	Informal	Can you help me?
Email to a manager	Formal	Could you assist me?
School assignment	Formal	The results indicate...
Family message	Informal	I'll get back to you.

Remember: Formal does not mean difficult. Clear words are often better than unnecessarily complicated ones. Learn the pairs, then choose the word that sounds natural for the situation.

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