

Informal

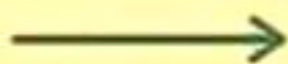
Formal

help



assist

start



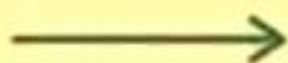
commence

mad



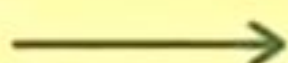
insane

go up



increase

tough



difficult

book

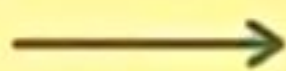


reserve

Informal

Formal

sorry



apologize

tell



inform

need



require

ask



request

check



verify

get

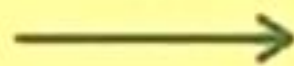


receive

Informal

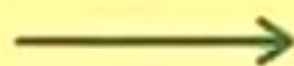
Formal

so



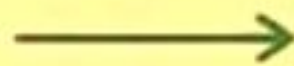
therefor

choose



select

look for



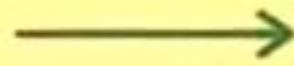
seek/search

maybe



perhaps

say no



reject

buy



purchase

Informal

Formal

✓ Anyway	→	Nevertheless
✓ I think	→	In my opinion
✓ All right	→	Acceptable
✓ Put up	→	Tolerate
✓ Set up	→	Establish
✓ Put off	→	Postpone
✓ Seem	→	Appear
✓ Want	→	Desire
✓ Say no	→	Reject
✓ Sight	→	Vision
✓ Worse	→	Inferior
✓ Dim	→	Indistinct
✓ Shorten	→	Decrease

informal

formal

maybe

=

perhaps

help

=

assist

mad

=

insane

check

=

verify

get

=

receive

choose

=

select

ask

=

request

tell

=

inform

go up

=

increase

buy

=

purchase

need

=

require

start

=

commence



Basic

Very glad

Very long

Very easy

Very boring

Very quick

Very painful

Very upset

Very angry

Very smart

Very boring

Advanced

Overjoyed

Extensive

Effortless

Dull

Rapid

Excruciating

Distraught

Furious

Intelligent

Tedious

Normal English

Better English

I understand you.



I feel you.

I don't understand it.



I don't get it.

I'm listening to you.



I'm all ears.

I'm very hungry.



I'm starving.

I will pay the bill.





It's on me.

Let's meet tonight.



Let's catch up tonight.

 Very Clever	→ Brilliant
 Very Thin	→ Gaunt
 Very Smelly	→ Pungent
 Very Willing	→ Eager
 Very Long-term	→ Enduring
 Very Nervous	→ Apprehensive
 Very Valuable	→ Precious
 Very Wise	→ Sage
 Very Calm	→ Serene
 Very Intelligent	→ Genius
 Very Unhappy	→ Miserable

Very Deep	→ Profound
Very Depressed	→ Despondent
Very Different	→ Disparate
Very Difficult	→ Challenging
Very Disagreeable	→ Obnoxious
Very Distressing	→ Dreadful
Very Dry	→ Parched
Very Tasty	→ Delicious
Very Famous	→ Eminent
Very Fast	→ Swift
Very Sad	→ Gloomy
Very Important	→ Indispensable
Very Annoying	→ Exasperating
Very Lovely	→ Adorable
Very Little	→ Tiny

 Very Fat	→	Obese
 Very Fancy	→	Lavish
 Very Excited	→	Thrilled
 Very Friendly	→	Amiable
 Very Great	→	Terrific
 Very Heavy	→	Leaden
 Very Slow	→	Sluggish
 Very Angry	→	Furious
 Very Poor	→	Destitute
 Very Simple	→	Basic

 Very Upset	→	Distraught
 Very Cold	→	Freezing
 Very Strong	→	Forceful
 Very Huge	→	Colossal
 Very Calm	→	Serene
 Very Ugly	→	Hideous
 Very Small	→	Petite
 Very Funny	→	Hilarious
 Very Quiet	→	Hushed
 Very Rich	→	Wealthy
 Very Expensive	→	Costly
 Very Dirty	→	Filthy
 Very Tall	→	Towering
 Very Easy	→	Effortless
 Very Wet	→	Soaked

 Very Bright	→	Luminous
 Very Busy	→	Swamped
 Very Clear	→	Obvious
 Very Careful	→	Caution
 Very Confused	→	Perplexed
 Very Mean	→	Cruel
 Very Messy	→	Slovenly
 Very Often	→	Frequently
 Very Old	→	Ancient
 Very Open	→	Transperant
 Very Good	→	Excellent
 Very Stupid	→	Idiotic
 Very Happy	→	Ecstatic
 Very Exciting	→	Exhilarating

Very Angry	→	Furious
Very Beautiful	→	Gorgeous
Very Big	→	Massive
Very Boring	→	Dull
Very Noisy	→	Deafening
Very Poor	→	Destitute
Very Cheap	→	Stingy
Very Clean	→	Spotless
Very Short	→	Brief
Very Difficult	→	Arduous
Very Dry	→	Arid
Very Quick	→	Rapid
Very Bad	→	Awful
Very Smart	→	Intelligent
Very Sad	→	Sorrowful

 Very Lucky	→ Fortune
 Very Powerful	→ Dominate
 Very Nice	→ Decent
 Very Eager	→ Keen
 Very Evil	→ Wicked
 Very Scared	→ Petrified
 Very Shiny	→ Gleaming
 Very Shy	→ Timid
 Very Creative	→ Innovative
 Very Noisy	→ Deafening
 Very Quick	→ Rapid
 Very Tired	→ Exhausted
 Very Interesting	→ Intriguing
 Very bad	→ Worse
 Very Glad	→ Overjoyed

 Very Colourful	→ Vibrant
 Very Hot	→ Warm
 Very Weak	→ Frail
 Very Hungry	→ Starving
 Very Hurt	→ Battered
 Very Lazy	→ Indolent
 Very Long	→ Extensive
 Very Loose	→ Slack
 Very Skinny	→ Skeletal
 Very Smooth	→ Sleek

 Very Soft	→	Downy
 Very Sorry	→	Apologetic
 Very Special	→	Exceptional
 Very Sure	→	Certain
 Very Empty	→	Desolate
 Very Risky	→	Perilous
 Very Rainy	→	Pouring
 Very Detailed	→	Meticulous
 Very Crowded	→	Bustling
 Very Roomy	→	Spacious

WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF "VERY"

✗ very noisy	✓ deafening
✗ very often	✓ frequently
✗ very old	✓ ancient
✗ very old-fashioned	✓ archaic
✗ very open	✓ transparent
✗ very painful	✓ excruciating
✗ very pale	✓ ashen
✗ very perfect	✓ flawless
✗ very poor	✓ destitute
✗ very powerful	✓ compelling
✗ very pretty	✓ beautiful
✗ very quick	✓ rapid
✗ very quiet	✓ hushed
✗ very rainy	✓ pouring
✗ very rich	✓ wealthy
✗ very sad	✓ sorrowful
✗ very scared	✓ petrified
✗ very scary	✓ chilling
✗ very serious	✓ grave
✗ very sharp	✓ keen
✗ very shiny	✓ gleaming
✗ very short	✓ brief
✗ very shy	✓ timid
✗ very simple	✓ basic

WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF "VERY"

- ✗ very hard-to-find
- ✗ very heavy
- ✗ very high
- ✗ very hot
- ✗ very huge
- ✗ very hungry
- ✗ very hurt
- ✗ very important
- ✗ very intelligent
- ✗ very interesting
- ✗ very large
- ✗ very lazy
- ✗ very little
- ✗ very long
- ✗ very long-term
- ✗ very loose
- ✗ very loud
- ✗ very mean
- ✗ very messy
- ✗ very necessary
- ✗ very nervous
- ✗ very nice
- ✗ very cute
- ✗ very fast

- ✓ rare
- ✓ leaden
- ✓ soaring
- ✓ sweltering
- ✓ colossal
- ✓ starving
- ✓ battered
- ✓ crucial
- ✓ brilliant
- ✓ captivating
- ✓ huge
- ✓ indolent
- ✓ tiny
- ✓ extensive
- ✓ enduring
- ✓ slack
- ✓ thunderous
- ✓ cruel
- ✓ slovenly
- ✓ essential
- ✓ apprehensive
- ✓ kind
- ✓ adorable
- ✓ swift

WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF "VERY"

- ✗ very hard-to-find
- ✗ very heavy
- ✗ very high
- ✗ very hot
- ✗ very huge
- ✗ very hungry
- ✗ very hurt
- ✗ very important
- ✗ very intelligent
- ✗ very interesting
- ✗ very large
- ✗ very lazy
- ✗ very little
- ✗ very long
- ✗ very long-term
- ✗ very loose
- ✗ very loud
- ✗ very mean
- ✗ very messy
- ✗ very necessary
- ✗ very nervous
- ✗ very nice
- ✗ very cute
- ✗ very fast

- ✓ rare
- ✓ leaden
- ✓ soaring
- ✓ sweltering
- ✓ colossal
- ✓ starving
- ✓ battered
- ✓ crucial
- ✓ brilliant
- ✓ captivating
- ✓ huge
- ✓ indolent
- ✓ tiny
- ✓ extensive
- ✓ enduring
- ✓ slack
- ✓ thunderous
- ✓ cruel
- ✓ slovenly
- ✓ essential
- ✓ apprehensive
- ✓ kind
- ✓ adorable
- ✓ swift

WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF "VERY"

✗ very noisy	✓ deafening
✗ very often	✓ frequently
✗ very old	✓ ancient
✗ very old-fashioned	✓ archaic
✗ very open	✓ transparent
✗ very painful	✓ excruciating
✗ very pale	✓ ashen
✗ very perfect	✓ flawless
✗ very poor	✓ destitute
✗ very powerful	✓ compelling
✗ very pretty	✓ beautiful
✗ very quick	✓ rapid
✗ very quiet	✓ hushed
✗ very rainy	✓ pouring
✗ very rich	✓ wealthy
✗ very sad	✓ sorrowful
✗ very scared	✓ petrified
✗ very scary	✓ chilling
✗ very serious	✓ grave
✗ very sharp	✓ keen
✗ very shiny	✓ gleaming
✗ very short	✓ brief
✗ very shy	✓ timid
✗ very simple	✓ basic

WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF "VERY" -1

Focus40

✗ Very bad	✓ Awful	✗ Very good	✓ Excellent
✗ Very smart	✓ Intelligent	✗ Very stupid	✓ Idiotic
✗ Very sad	✓ Sorrowful	✗ Very happy	✓ Ecstatic
✗ Very upset	✓ Distraught	✗ Very exciting	✓ Exhilarating
✗ Very cold	✓ Freezing	✗ Very warm	✓ Hot
✗ Very strong	✓ Forceful	✗ Very weak	✓ Frail
✗ Very bright	✓ Luminous	✗ Very hungry	✓ Starving
✗ Very busy	✓ Swamped	✗ Very hurt	✓ Battered
✗ Very careful	✓ Cautious	✗ Very large	✓ Huge
✗ Very clear	✓ Obvious	✗ Very lazy	✓ Indolent
✗ Very colorful	✓ Vibrant	✗ Very long	✓ Extensive
✗ Very confused	✓ Perplexed	✗ Very loose	✓ Slack
✗ Very mean	✓ Cruel	✗ Very skinny	✓ Skeletal
✗ Very messy	✓ Slovenly	✗ Very smooth	✓ Sleek
✗ Very nice	✓ Kind	✗ Very soft	✓ Downy
✗ Very often	✓ Frequently	✗ Very sorry	✓ Apologetic
✗ Very old	✓ Ancient	✗ Very special	✓ Exceptional
✗ Very open	✓ Transparent	✗ Very sure	✓ Certain

WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF "VERY" -3

Focus40

✗ Very cheap	✓ Stingy	✗ Very expensive	✓ Costly
✗ Very clean	✓ Spotless	✗ Very dirty	✓ Filthy
✗ Very short	✓ Brief	✗ Very tall	✓ Towering
✗ Very difficult	✓ Arduous	✗ Very easy	✓ Effortless
✗ Very dry	✓ Arid	✗ Very wet	✓ Soaked
✗ Very quick	✓ Rapid	✗ Very slow	✓ Sluggish
✗ Very pale	✓ Ashen	✗ Very sweet	✓ Thoughtful
✗ Very perfect	✓ Flawless	✗ Very talented	✓ Gifted
✗ Very powerful	✓ Compelling	✗ Very tasty	✓ Delicious
✗ Very pretty	✓ Beautiful	✗ Very thirsty	✓ Parched
✗ Very rainy	✓ Pouring	✗ Very tight	✓ Constricting
✗ Very scared	✓ Petrified	✗ Very careful	✓ Cautious
✗ Very scary	✓ Chilling	✗ Very tired	✓ Exhausted
✗ Very serious	✓ Grave	✗ Very wide	✓ Expansive
✗ Very sharp	✓ Keen	✗ Very willing	✓ Eager
✗ Very shiny	✓ Gleaming	✗ Very windy	✓ Blustery
✗ Very shy	✓ Timid	✗ Very wise	✓ Sage
✗ Very simple	✓ Basic	✗ Very worried	✓ Distressed

Instead of using "VERY"

Very careful → cautious

Very weak → frail

Very frightening → terrifying

Very annoying → infuriating

Very colorful → vibrant

Very creative → innovative

Very busy → swamped

Very angry → furious

Very big → massive

Very noisy → deafening

Very poor → destitute

Very cold → freezing

Very tired → exhausted

Very hungry → starving

Very simple → basic

Very important → crucial

Very smart → intelligent

Very sad → sorrowful

Very wet → soaked

Very short → brief

Very dry → arid

Very beautiful → gorgeous

Very boring → dull

Very fast → rapid

Very bad → awful

Very large → colossal

Very worried → anxious

Very high → lofty

Very shy → timid

Very risky → perilous

Very attractive → charming

Very rude → insolent

Very long way → miles

Very confused → perplexed

Very exciting → exhilarating

Very sleepy → lethargic

- ✓ Furious
- ✓ Gorgeous
- ✓ Massive
- ✓ Dull
- ✓ Deafening
- ✓ Destitute
- ✓ Innovative
- ✓ Bustling
- ✓ Cherished
- ✓ Profound
- ✓ Desolate
- ✓ Thrilled
- ✓ Lavish
- ✓ Obese
- ✓ Amiable

- ✗ Very calm
- ✗ Very ugly
- ✗ Very small
- ✗ Very funny
- ✗ Very quiet
- ✗ Very rich
- ✗ Very accurate
- ✗ Very afraid
- ✗ Very clever
- ✗ Very cute
- ✗ Very dull
- ✗ Very eager
- ✗ Very evil
- ✗ Very fast
- ✗ Very fierce

- ✓ Serene
- ✓ Hideous
- ✓ Petite
- ✓ Hilarious
- ✓ Hushed
- ✓ Wealthy
- ✓ Exact
- ✓ Fearful
- ✓ Intelligent
- ✓ Adorable
- ✓ Tedious
- ✓ Keen
- ✓ Wicked
- ✓ Quick
- ✓ Fearless

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Ask for	Request
Back up	Copy (data) as a security measure
Blow up	Explode or be destroyed by explosion
Break off	End a relationship
Break out	Escape, especially forcefully or defiantly
Break up	Break or separate into pieces
Bring about	Cause to take place
Bring along	Bring smb or smt to certain place
Bring back	Return something/somebody
Bring down	Reduce
Bring in	Move something indoors
Bring up	Raise
Call out	Ask somebody to come
Carry on	Continue or proceed as before
Carry over	Transfer smt to a later point in time
Check out	Confirm and pay for goods & services

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Come across	Find, usually by accident
Come along	Accompany
Come apart	Break, separate
Come back	Return to one's possession
Come on	Progress, to develop
Come through	Survive, to endure
Come up	Come towards, to approach
Come over	Affect
Cut down	Bring down by cutting
Cut off	Stop providing funds to someone
Cut out	Remove, omit
Cut through	Take a shortcut through
Cut up	Cut into smaller pieces, parts
Fall down	Fall to the ground, to collapse
Fall in	Collapse inwards
Crack up	Laugh heartily

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Fill out	Complete a form
Fill up	Fill the tank of a vehicle with fuel
Get back	Return to where one came from
Get down	Depress; discourage; fatigue
Get in	Enter a place; to gain access
Get off	Stop touching with something or someone
Get on	Be successful
Get out	Leave or escape
Get over	Overcome
Get through	Overcome; to endure
Get up	Rise from one's bed
Get out	Help someone leave
Give back	Return, restore
Give in	Collapse or fall
Give off	Emit; to produce and send forth
Give out	Issue; to distribute

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Give up	Stop or quit (an activity, etc)
Go ahead	To begin
Go along	Participate, cooperate, or conform
Go around	Move or spread from person to person
Go away	Depart or leave a place
Go down	Fall (down), fall to the floor
Go forward	Progress
Go off	Explode
Go on	Continue in extent
Go out	Leave one's abode to go to public places
Go round	Circulate
Go together	Harmonize or be compatible
Go towards	Be a contribution to
Hang out	Spend time doing nothing in particular
Hang on	Wait a moment (usually imperative)
Hold on	Keep; to store something for someone

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Hold up	Wait or delay
Keep away	Prevent from coming (near)
Keep up	Stay even or ahead
Kick out	Stop, stall, or disconnect suddenly
Kick off	Start; to launch
Knock out	Exhaust
Lay down	Put something down or stop using it
Hold out	Survive, endure
Let down	Allow to descend
Let out	Release
Let out	Disclose
Look after	Watch or protect; to keep safe
Look around	Search a place
Look at	Consider
Look for	Search for; to seek
Look into	Investigate, explore, or consider

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Look out	Look from within to the outside
Look up	Have better prospects, to improve
Make after	Chase
Make towards	Head in the direction
Make up	Apply cosmetics or makeup to
Make up	Compensate, fill in or catch up
Make out	Manage, get along
Mess up	Make a mess of
Move on	Leave somewhere for another place
Pass away	Die
Pass by	Travel past without stopping
Pass out	Distribute, to hand out
Pass off	Happen
Pick out	Distinguish
Pick up	Lift; to grasp and raise
Pull away	Move ahead

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Pull over Come to a stop, and turn off the road

Pull up Lift upwards or vertically

Put away Place out of the way, clean up

Put down Insult, belittle, or demean

Put down Write (something)

Put forward Propose for consideration

Put towards Make a financial contribution

Run across Cross by running

Run away Leave home

Run out Use up; to consume all of something

Run over Exceed the allotted time

Set back Delay or obstruct

Set off Leave; to begin a journey or trip

Set out Go out, leave

Set up Arrange for an outcome

Stand by Remain loyal or faithful to

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Stand for	Tolerate
Take aback	Surprise or shock; to discomfit
Take aside	Get someone alone to talk to them
Take away	Subtract or diminish something
Take back	Retract an earlier statement
Take down	Remove something from a hanging position
Take off	Remove
Take off	Depart
Take out	Remove
Take over	Adopt a further responsibility or duty
Take through	Explain something to someone
Take up	Pick up
Throw away	Waste, to squander
Throw out	Discard; to dispense with something
Throw up	Vomit
Turn down	To decline, refuse

ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS

Turn on	Start operating; to power up
Turn over	Flip over; to rotate uppermost to bottom
Turn round	Revolve or rotate around a centre
Walk away	Withdraw from a problematic situation
Wash out	Remove something by washing
Try on	Put clothes on to see if they fit
Think over	Consider something carefully
Spring up	Appear suddenly
Bail out	Rescue, especially financially
Block off	Obstruct
Build up	Strengthen
Burn down	Cause (a structure) to burn to nothing
Cheer up	Become happy
Drink up	Finish one's drink
Find out	Discover, as by asking or investigating
Fix up	Repair or refurbish

Confusing Words



20	Witch	Sorceress
	Which	What one
21	Piece	Part, portion
	Peace	Absence of war
22	Whom	Object
	Who	Subject
23	Ensure	Guarantee
	Insure	Financial liability
24	Emigrate	Leave your own country
	Immigrate	Come and live in a country
25	Insight	In depth
	Incite	Provoke to action
26	Last	Final
	Latest	Most recent
27	Good	Adjective
	Well	Adverb
28	Guarantee	Refers towards promise
	Warranty	Used for products



Confusing Words



31	Morale	State of spirit
	Moral	Lesson
32	Peak	Top
	Pique	Provoke, Arouse
33	Poison	If we inhale
	Venom	Is injected
34	Poor	Have no money
	Pore	Putting
35	Pray	Asking to God
	Prey	Animal that is hunted
36	Remember	Think of a memory
	Reminder	Notes, Cell alerts
37	Review	To examine
	Revise	Correction of errors
38	Sell	Verb
	Sale	Noun
39	Accident	Bad event
	Incident	Any event



www.englishprep.com

Confusing Words



1	Allude	Make indirect reference
	Elude	Escape from something
2	Ate	Past tense of eat
	Eight	The number
3	To	In the direction of something
	Too	Also
4	Coarse	Rough
	Course	Way or path
5	Quiet	Silent
	Quite	Really, positively
6	Loose	Free
	Lose	Misplace
7	Forth	Forward
	Fourth	The number comes after three
8	Principal	Chief person, Head person
	Principle	Rule, law
9	Then	At that time
	Than	Comparison



One Word Substitution

Phrase

Word

One who thinks only of himself

Egoist

One who thinks welfare of women

Feminist.

One who works for free

Volunteer

People living at the same time

Contemporaries

People who work together

Colleagues

Practice of having one wife or husband

Monogamy

Practice of having several husbands

Polyandry

Practice of having several wives

Polygamy

Practice of having two wives or husbands

Bigamy

Rule by the mob

Mobocracy

Something that cannot be imitated

Inimitable

That through which light can partly pass

Translucent

◆ SYNONYMS FOR IELTS ◆

- ◆ **Strict** = Stringent, severe, stern
- ◆ **Gaudy** = Showy, garish, vulgar
- ◆ **Strong** = Powerful, mighty, potent
- ◆ **Portion** = Part, segment, piece
- ◆ **Prompt** = Punctual, timely
- ◆ **Stupid** = Unintelligent, dense,
- ◆ **Surplus** = Excess, additional, extra
- ◆ **Urgent** = Crucial, important
- ◆ **Vacant** = Unoccupied, empty
- ◆ **Serene** = Peaceful, tranquil, calm
- ◆ **Serious** = Grave, solemn, pensive
- ◆ **Optional** = Voluntary, elective
- ◆ **Ordinary** = Usual, average
- ◆ **Shrewd** = Clever, cunning, crafty
- ◆ **Meager** = Scanty, sparse, poor
- ◆ **Mean** = Unkind, malicious, nasty
- ◆ **Ravage** = Devastate, ruin, damage
- ◆ **Raze** = Destroy, demolish
- ◆ **Small** = Little, insignificant, trivial
- ◆ **Smooth** = Slick, glossy