

ENGLISH

Unit 17: Formal Verbs



Pre-Intermediate English with

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Introduction

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- A Formal verb is a verb which is used in more formal situations like at the office talking to your boss, at a fancy event or dinner party, or when talking to your beloved's parents for the first time.
 - It is good to know the most important formal verbs because they will aid you in sounding more intelligent and you will add depth to your English language capabilities.
 - So for each Informal form of a verb it is either a type of phrase or just a less formal verb.
 - Example:
 - Informal Form: To say sorry
 - Formal Form: To apologize
 - So the verb to say sorry is the informal expression of the more formal verb apologize.
 - In the rest of this unit you will see some of the most important Formal Verbs along with their Informal counterparts.
 - Let's get started!

You can hear how each word sounds in each form in the audio for this unit

37 Important Formal Verbs

Informal Form

1. Find out
2. It's about
3. Show
4. Need to
5. Free
6. Block
7. Bring about
8. Ring up
9. Say sorry
10. Fill in
11. Start
12. Think about

Formal Form

1. Discover
2. It concerns
3. Demonstrate
4. Required
5. Release
6. Impede
7. Cause
8. Call
9. Apologize
10. Substitute
11. Commence
12. Consider

37 Important Formal Verbs

Informal Form

13. Go down

14. Make up

15. Deal with

16. Get

17. Rack off

18. Leave out

19. Look at

20. Keep

21. Seem

22. Get in touch with

23. Give the go ahead

24. Put off

25. To talk

Formal Form

13. Decrease

14. Fabricate

15. Handle

16. Obtain

17. Accumulate

18. Omit

19. Examine

20. Retain

21. Appear

22. Contact

23. Authorize

24. Postpone, Delay

25. Converse

37 Important Formal Verbs

Informal Form

- 26. Make do
- 27. Blow up
- 28. Show up
- 29. Point out
- 30. See
- 31. Go against
- 32. Let
- 33. Put up
- 34. Take back
- 35. Stand for
- 36. Going up
- 37. Going down

Formal Form

- 26. Adjust, Adapt
- 27. Explode
- 28. Arrive
- 29. Indicate
- 30. See
- 31. Oppose
- 32. Permit
- 33. Tolerate
- 34. Repossess
- 35. Represent
- 36. Ascending
- 37. Descending

EXERCISE



Please Write the Formal Form for each Informal Form below:

1.) Go against

2.) Go down

3.) Going down

4.) Free

5.) Show up

6.) Say sorry

7.) Bring about

8.) Seem

EXERCISE



Please Write the Informal Form
for each Formal Form below:

1.) Ascending

2.) Impede

3.) Tolerate

4.) Fabricate

5.) Commence

6.) Authorize

7.) Required

8.) Explode



Please write 8 sentences using different Formal verbs.

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FRIEND EXERCISE

For this friend exercise you and your friend each choose 6 Informal Forms and write them down in a list.

Then you should switch papers with your friend and make a sentence using each Informal Form but in their Formal Form.

After making the sentences you should switch papers again and correct each other's work.

Get creative and use 6 different verbs!

Good luck!



FRIEND EXERCISE

You may use this paper for the exercise.

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