Examples of Less Formal & More Formal Expressions in English

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<th>Less Formal</th>
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<td>a lot of</td>
<td>many, much, numerous, a great deal of</td>
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<td>about</td>
<td>regarding</td>
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<td>after that</td>
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<td>also / plus</td>
<td>moreover</td>
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<td>answer</td>
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<td>ask for</td>
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<td>at first</td>
<td>initially</td>
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<td>better</td>
<td>superior, improved</td>
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<td>breathing</td>
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<td>drink</td>
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<td>eat</td>
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<td>end</td>
<td>terminate, complete</td>
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<td>fix</td>
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<td>get</td>
<td>obtain, acquire</td>
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<td>help</td>
<td>assist, assistance</td>
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<td>home</td>
<td>residence</td>
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<td>in the end</td>
<td>finally, ultimately</td>
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<td>I've got to</td>
<td>I must, It is necessary for me to</td>
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<td>I have to</td>
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<td>kind of / sort of</td>
<td>rather, somewhat</td>
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<td>leave</td>
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<td>let</td>
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<td>lively</td>
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<td>need</td>
<td>require, necessity/requirement</td>
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<td>next/later</td>
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<td>OK / all right</td>
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<td>people</td>
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<td>desire, would like, wish</td>
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<td>one, everyone</td>
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