

Words for IELTS (1)

Formal Informal words

Informal	Neutral (Speaking)	Formal (Writing)
Stuff	Things	Item, possessions
Kids (younger)	Babies, Children	Infants
Kids (older)	Teenagers	Adolescents, Youths
Guy	Man	Male
Old people	Elderly people	Senior citizens, Retirees
-----	Boss, Manager	Supervisor, Superior
Cops	Police	Law enforcement
Crooks	Criminals	Offenders, Lawbreakers
OK, Alright	Fine	Acceptable, satisfactory
Great, Awesome	good	Preferable, Desirable
Rubbish, Useless	Bad, poor	Unsatisfactory, Unacceptable
-----	Nice, polite	Considerate, agreeable

Informal	Neutral (Speaking)	Formal (Writing)
-----	Kind, Friendly	Neighborly, sociable
Nasty, cheeky	Rude, impolite	Abusive, disagreeable
Stupid, crazy, Dump (idea)	Foolish, silly	Unwise, imprudent
Stupid, crazy, dump (person)	Foolish, silly	Misguided, ignorant
-----	Happy (person)	Satisfied, Delighted
-----	Happy (situation)	Satisfying, Delightful
-----	Sad (person)	Regretful, Distressed
-----	Sad (situation)	Regrettable, Distressing
Sick of, fed up	Tired of	Dissatisfied with
-----	Poor (country)	Developing, Poverty-stricken
-----	Poor (person)	In poverty, underprivileged
-----	Rich (Country)	Wealthy, Developed
-----	Rich (person)	Wealthy, Privileged