

Using Formal Expressions (the alternatives given are not exhaustive - check with me if in any doubt)

	Informal	Formal
1	quite a lot of errors	a considerable number of errors
2	a "thing" for doing something technical	a device
3	something claimed that people doubt	a dubious contention
4	a situation based on lots of "ifs"	a hypothetical situation
5	a result that can be confirmed by others	a verifiable result
6	a result that cannot be believed	an incredible result
7	a result that cannot be explained	an inexplicable result
8	something you forgot to take account of	an oversight
9	an experiment that cannot be done again	an unrepeatable experiment
10	objects made by man	artefacts
11	do an experiment	carry out an experiment
12	made more clear	clarified
13	having to do with	concerning - involving
14	told us it was true	confirmed to us
15	a lot of interest	considerable interest
16	make up the diet of	constitute the diet of
17	claim the results aren't valid	contest the results
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19	do something about	deal with
20	got worse	deteriorated
21	figure out the reason	determine the reason
22	reduce the value of something	devalue
23	come up with	develop or design
24	hand out the sheets	distribute the sheets
25	get rid of errors	eliminate errors
26	run into problems	encounter problems
27	met a problem	encountered a problem
28	get rid of polio	eradicate polio
29	errors soon showed up	errors soon appeared/surfaced
30	really important	essential - vital - critical
31	guess the result	estimate the result
32	look at the evidence	examine the evidence
33	too much	excessive
34	work on specifically	focus or concentrate on
35	an opinion given AFTER an event	hindsight

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36	got better	improved
37	brought on by smoking	induced or caused by smoking
38	inflation has gone up	inflation has risen
39	what can't be solved	insoluble
40	not enough	insufficient
41	became more intense	intensified
42	make up the evidence	invent the evidence
43	looking into the problem	investigating the problem
44	got longer	lengthened
45	keep up the effort	maintain the effort
46	use in a bad way	misuse
47	quality that has improved a lot	much-improved quality
48	bad things about it	negative aspects
49	took place	occurred
50	given too much importance	overestimated
51	good things about it	positive aspects
52	made someone react	provoked someone
53	asked questions about	questioned or queried
54	happened again and again	recurred
55	problems you have over and over again	recurring problems
56	sales have gone down	sales have fallen or declined
57	got shorter	shortened
58	got stronger	strengthened
59	got thicker	thickened
60	what nobody can say isn't true	undeniable
61	not given enough importance	underestimated
62	what nobody doubts	undoubted
63	what can't be foreseen	unforeseeable
64	what cannot possibly be imagined	unimaginable
65	what nobody could have predicted	unpredictable
66	what nobody predicted	unpredicted
67	nothing to do with	unrelated to
68	not based on sound premises	unsound - unfounded
69	describes sth which can be checked	verifiable
70	got weaker	weakened