

Commonly used phrase	Single word equivalent
be a significant factor in	affect, influence
be in a position to	can, may
be inclined to the view that	think [that]
by dint of	because
give rise to	cause
have a detrimental effect upon	harm
have a tendency to	tend
have an effect upon	affect
have the effect of	(in most contexts) cause

Commonly used phrase	Single word equivalent
having regard to	concerning
impact upon	affect
in spite of the fact that	despite, although
in the interests of (e.g. saving time)	to (e.g. save time)
in view of	because
it is arguable that	perhaps
make contact with	contact
meet with	meet
notwithstanding the fact that	despite, although
the fact that	delete phrase – replacement word usually unnecessary
with regard to the question of . . .	concerning, regarding

Obscure word or phrase	Ordinary equivalent
annex	attach
at this point in time	now
append	attach
cease	stop
conceal	hide
covenant and agree	agree
demise	death
desist	stop, leave off
detain	hold, delay
determine (as in <i>terminate</i> )	end OR decide (according to context)
donate	give
effectuate	carry out

employ (when not used in connection with labour relations)

use

endeavour

try

evince

show

expedite

hasten

expend

spend

expiration, expiry

end

extend

give

extinguish

end

forthwith

immediately, soon

forward

send

furnish

give, provide

hence

therefore

implement

carry out, fulfil

inaugurate

begin

indicate

state, show, say

initiate

begin

institute

begin

necessitate

require

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occasion (as verb)	cause
peruse	read
possess	have
present	give
prior	earlier
proceed	go (ahead)
quantum	amount
retain	keep
suborn	bribe (e.g. a juror or witness)
subsequently	then, after, later
terminate	end
utilise	use