# **Plain Language Dictionaries**

1. **Clear Language and Design Thesaurus**  
   Clear Language and Design  
   <http://clad.tccld.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/CLAD-Thesaurus.pdf>
   1. **Printable** and **downloadable** dictionary of health terms in plain language
   2. 54 pages of terms
2. **Everyday Words for Public Health Communication:**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[https://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/everydaywords](https://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/everydaywords/)

* 1. Includes both technical terms and plain language
  2. **Search** for jargon or for plain language terms

<https://www.cdc.gov/other/pdf/everydaywordsforpublichealthcommunication.pdf>

* 1. **Printable** and **downloadable** dictionary
  2. Technical terms defined in plain language
  3. Before-and-after examples of simplifying medical language
  4. 35 pages of health terms out of 44 pages

1. **Just Plain Clear Glossary**

UnitedHealth Group  
<https://www.justplainclear.com/en>

* 1. Explains medical terminology in simple language
  2. **Search** by word or **browse** by letter

1. **Law Dictionary**  
   Merriam-Webster  
   <https://www.merriam-webster.com/legal>
   1. **Search** by word or **browse** by letter
   2. 10,000 legal words defined in plain language
2. **Lovoy Plain Language Dictionary**  
   Lovoy  
   <https://lovoy.info/dictionary/>
   1. **Browse** alternatives to difficult words by letter
3. **Medical Terms in Lay Language: Alternative Lay Language for Medical Terms in Consent Forms**  
   The University of Iowa  
   <https://hso.research.uiowa.edu/medical-terms-lay-language#A>
   1. **Browse** by letter plain language alternatives to medical terms
4. **Plain Language Thesaurus for Health Communications**  
   National Center for Health Marketing

<http://www.pcornet.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/thesaurus_v-10-1.pdf>

* 1. **Printable** and **downloadable** dictionary of health terms in plain language
  2. 67 pages of terms, 74 pages total

1. **Plain Language Medical Dictionary**

University of Michigan Taubman Health Sciences Library <https://www.lib.umich.edu/plain-language-dictionary>

* 1. Translates complex terms into something easier to understand
  2. **Search** by word or **browse** by letter
  3. Contains 1100 terms

1. **PRISM Alternative Words List**  
   UnitedHealth Group

<https://prism.kpwashingtonresearch.org/documents/PRISM_alternative_word_list.pdf>

* 1. **Printable** and **downloadable** dictionary
  2. 21 pages of technical terms, defined in plain language
  3. Includes hyperlinks to additional resources

1. **Quality Care Plain Language Thesaurus**  
   National Partnership for Women & Families  
   <http://go.nationalpartnership.org/site/DocServer/Health_Literacy_Thesaurus.pdf?docID=5622>
   1. **Printable** and **downloadable** dictionary of health terms in plain language
   2. Five pages