

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

words,
words,
words!



NO, NO! Never use these words! Go back and check your rough draft. Circle the “no, no” words to change to precise words.

a lot
good
got
just

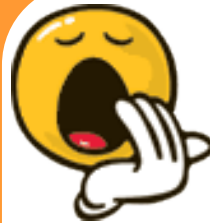
kind of
like
lots
many

nice
really
sort of
stuff

thing
used to
very

NO, NO Words...

Also include slang, abbreviations, contractions, and cliché's.



TIRED and overused!
Avoid using these words too much! Go back and

check your rough draft. Circle these overused words to change to precise words.

amazing
awesome
awfully
bad
beautiful
big
fine
good
great
happy

interesting
look
quite
said
so
very
well
I
me
mine

my
our
ours
we
us
you
your
yours



USE PRECISE WORDS!

When you use precise words you are on target to improve your vocabulary and writing.

Go back to the circled words in your writing to replace them with impressive, exuberant and intelligent words. Try some of the examples below.

| Tired Words | Precise Words |
|-------------|---|
| a lot, lots | multiple, large extent |
| alone | isolated |
| Awesome | Outstanding, stunning, remarkable, phenomenal |
| bad | unacceptable, negative |
| big | sizeable, major, enormous |
| bother | provoke |
| brave | courageous |
| change | reform, transform |
| cheap | affordable |
| clear | evident |
| different | diverse |
| don't have | lack |

| Tired Words | Precise Words |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| enough | sufficient |
| fall apart | collapse |
| fight | argue |
| good | stimulating |
| help | assist |
| home | habitat |
| hot (like a hot topic) | significant |
| important | crucial |
| keep | confine |
| kids | adolescents |
| like | prefer, desire |
| live | survive |
| make | create |
| many/much | Large amount, indefinite |
| mess | destruction |
| need | require |

| Tired Words | Precise Words |
|------------------|---|
| nice | good-natured, thoughtful, sympathetic |
| old | senior |
| pretty | gorgeous |
| problem | concern, issue |
| real | genuine |
| really important | critical |
| say | report, state |
| show | reveal, indicate |
| small | minor |
| smart | intelligent, witty |
| stop | prohibit |
| things | Tools, details, interests, habits, points, factors, steps |
| usually do | tend to do |
| very | extremely, precisely, absolutely |
| work | labor |
| wrong | questionable |
| yearly | annually |

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BASIC transition words...

about
after
also
and
as
but

or
finally
first
for
if
in all

in conclusion
in summary
last
later
like
next

now
nor
second
since
still
so

third
then
too
to sum up
until
unless

when
while



CONNECT YOUR IDEAS WITH PRECISE WORDS!

When you use precise words you are on target to improve your vocabulary and writing.

- actually
- additionally
- after all
- afterwards
- although
- altogether
- another point
- as a consequence
- as a matter of fact
- as a result
- as long as
- as well as
- at last
- at least
- because of
- briefly
- by the way
- certainly
- consequently
- different from
- either way
- equally
- especially
- even if
- even though
- eventually
- for example
- for instance
- for this reason
- given these points
- however
- immediately
- indeed
- initially
- instead
- in addition
- in all
- in detail
- in fact
- in order too
- in other words
- in particular
- in the same way
- in spite of
- instantly
- instead of
- in order to
- in that case
- in the end
- in the first place
- in short
- in spite of
- in time
- just as
- lastly
- likewise
- occasionally
- on the other hand
- otherwise
- overall
- particularly
- previously
- quickly
- rather
- regardless
- similarly
- specifically
- subsequently
- such as
- suddenly
- surely
- therefore
- though
- thus
- to begin with
- to clarify
- to explain
- to illustrate
- to summarize
- unless
- whenever

