

Wordy and Redundant Expressions

Following each unnecessarily big word is a shorter, preferred one.

abbreviate: *shorten*
ascertain: *learn, determine*
concept: *idea*
currently: *now*

demonstrate: *show*
duplicate: *copy*
inundate: *flood*
obtain: *get*

optimum: *best*
subsequent: *following*
sufficient: *enough*
terminate: *end*

Following each wordy expression is a shorter, preferred word or words.

a large number of: *many*
a small number of: *few*
any one of the two: *either*
as a general rule: *generally*
at all times: *always*
at regular intervals of time: *regularly*
at that time: *then*
at the present time: *now*
at this point in time: *now*
brought to a sudden halt: *halted*
brought to an end: *ended*
completely destroyed by fire: *burned, destroyed*
despite the fact that: *although*
during the time that: *when*
ended with the following statement: *concluded*
exhibits the ability to: *can*
gives strength to: *strengthens*
have a discussion: *discuss*
hold a meeting: *meet*
in addition to: *also*
in many cases: *frequently, often*
in order to: *to*
in the event that: *if*

in the majority of instances: *mostly*
in the meantime: *meanwhile*
in the near future: *soon*
in the same manner as: *like*
in the vicinity of: *near*
is of the opinion that: *believes*
it is clear that: *clearly*
made an investigation of: *investigated*
not any one of the two: *neither*
on a daily basis: *daily*
on one occasion: *once*
once in a great while: *sometimes, occasionally*
prior to that time: *before*
subsequent to: *after*
taken to jail and locked up: *jailed*
tendered his resignation: *resigned*
the reason why is that: *because*
the time at which: *when*
told his listeners that: *said, announced*
uniform in both size and shape: *alike*
united in holy matrimony: *married*
was able to make his escape: *escaped*
went on to say: *continued*

Strikethroughs indicate redundant words that should be deleted from the following expressions.

~~absolutely~~ essential
actual experience
actual truth
adding ~~together~~
~~basic~~ essentials
cancel ~~out~~
combine ~~into one~~
complete monopoly
consensus of ~~opinion~~
continue ~~on~~
~~definitely~~ decided
~~different~~ varieties
~~final~~ completion
~~final~~ conclusion
~~final~~ outcome
~~finally~~ settled

first ~~and foremost~~
~~first~~ began
~~first~~ introduction
first of all
~~founded and~~ sank
free gift
future plans
future prospects
had ~~two~~ twins
honest truth
hopeful optimism
if ~~and when~~
~~in a~~ dying condition
~~in~~ close proximity
~~invited~~ guests
joined ~~together~~

lift up
~~near~~ facsimile
~~new~~ innovation
~~noon~~ luncheon
~~null and~~ void
~~past~~ experiences
~~past~~ history
personal friend
personal opinion
~~personally~~ believes
plan ~~in advance~~
~~proven~~ facts
raise up
repeat ~~again~~
seemed ~~to be~~
short ~~in length~~

strangled ~~to death~~
~~temporary~~ recess
~~true~~ fact
ways ~~and means~~
~~well-known~~ old adage
whether ~~or not~~
widow ~~woman~~