

"Worn out" Words

Some words in the English language tend to be overused and therefore lose their power. These are called Dead Words. Below is a list of dead words and more interesting alternatives that should be used in their place when you are writing.

Also: too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to

Awesome, Cool, Rad: fine wonderful, marvelous, great, fantastic

Scared: afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened

Have to: need to, must

Very: extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurably, infinitely, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully, chiefly

Like: such as, similar to, similarly

Kid: child, boy, girl, youngster, youth

Mad: angry, frustrated, furious, incensed, enraged

Got, Get: received, obtained, attained, succeed in

Then: first, second, next, later, finally, afterward, meanwhile, soon

Nice: pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing

Lots: Numerous, heaps, many, scores, innumerable

So: thus, accordingly, therefore

Fun: pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly

Good: excellent, exceptional, fine, marvelous, splendid, superb, wonderful

But: however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the other hand

Awful: dreadful, alarming, frightful, terrible, horrid, shocking

Great: wonderful, marvelous, fantastic

Guy: man, person, fellow, boy

Funny: amusing, comical, laughable, jovial