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Words to Avoid

The following is a list of words you should avoid in your writing. These words can be referred to as "dead" words: in other words, they do not enhance your writing at all—and often make your writing sound dull and monotonous.

a lot
anyway
did
every
everything
fine
fun
get
goes
gone

good
got
great
I
just
like
lots
me
my
myself

nice
said
so
stuff
the end
thing
very
well
went

*Note: First person pronouns "I," "me," "my," and "myself" should only be used in the case of a Reflective/Narrative Essay, or possibly when writing a Descriptive Essay.

Additional words to Avoid:

You— unless using in the grabber, direct quote or challenge.

we

our

us

your

mine

you're

all contractions