

Dead 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 some interesting alternatives. You may wish to add others to the list on a continuing basis throughout the year.

a lot, lots	numerous, heaps, many, scores , innumerable, much, a great deal, many times, often
also	too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to
awesome, cool, rad	fine, wonderful, marvelous, fantastic, excellent
awful	dreadful, alarming, frightful, terrible, horrid, shocking
but	however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the other hand
fun	pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly
funny	amusing, comical, laughable, jovial, strange, peculiar, unusual
go	amble, arrive, chase, crawl, enter, fall, float, fly, glide, hope, jump, leap, leave, lurch, plunge, ride, run, skip, slide, soar, spin, stagger, stride, stroll, travel, tumble , twirl, walk
got, get	received, obtained, attained, succeed in
good	excellent, exceptional, fine, marvelous, splendid, superb, wonderful
great	wonderful, outstanding, marvelous, fantastic, excellent
guy	man, person, fellow, boy, individual
have to	need to, must
kid	child, boy, girl youngster, youth, teen, teenager, adolescent
like	such as, similar to, similarly
mad	angry, frustrated, furious, incensed, enraged, irate
make	blend, build, carve, color, construct, copy cut, draw, fix, form, mix, mold, pour, repair, stir, stuff, tear, prepare
nice	pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful , pleasurable, pleasing
pretty	attractive, comely, beautiful
said	acknowledged, added, admitted, advised, agreed, announced, answered, approved, argued, asked, assumed , assured ,babbled, bargained, babbled, boasted, bragged, called,

	claimed, commanded , commented, claimed, cried, decided, demanded, described, denied, dictated, emphasized, estimated, exclaimed, expressed, feared, giggled, grunted, indicated, insisted, laughed, lectured, lied, mentioned, moaned, mumbled, murmured, nagged, noted, notified, objected, observed, ordered, pleaded, pointed out, prayed, predicted, questioned, reassured, related, repeated, relied, requested, responded, related, revealed, roared, ruled, scolded, screamed, shouted, shrieked, snapped, sneered, sobbed, spoke, sputtered, stammered, stated, stormed, suggested, taunted, thought, told, urged, uttered, vowed, wailed, warned, whispered
so	thus, accordingly, therefore
scared	afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened
then	first, second, then, next, later, finally, afterward, meanwhile, soon
very	extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurably, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully, chiefly