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Watch Out!

Overused word list (W.4.3d; W.4.5; L.4.3a; L.4.6; W.5.3d; W.5.5; L.5.6)

Overused Word	More Interesting or Precise Words and Phrases
any	all, several, some, whatever
awesome	fantastic, impressive, stunning, wonderful
because	as a result of, due to the fact that, on account of, since
big	huge, large, mammoth, towering
but	although, however, nevertheless, still
fun	enjoyment, entertainment, good time, recreation
funny	amusing, comical, humorous, laughable
get	buy, catch, grab, take
go	move, travel, walk, wander
good	agreeable, decent, nice, pleasant
great	extraordinary, marvelous, outstanding, wonderful
happy	cheerful, content, glad, joyous
kid	boy, child, girl, youngster
kind of	more or less, quite, rather, sort of
lots	bunches, dozens, heaps, oodles
next	after that, afterwards, later, subsequently



When you write, watch out for overused words. Choose more specific words to make your writing more interesting and convey your ideas precisely.

Overused Word	More Interesting or Precise Words and Phrases
pretty	attractive, delicate, lovely, sweet
run	hurry, jog, rush, sprint
sad	downcast, melancholy, sorrowful, unhappy
see	eye, glimpse, observe witness
smile	beam, grin, smirk, twinkle
so	accordingly, consequently, thus, therefore
then	additionally, afterwards, later, subsequently
things	belongings, objects, possessions, substances
very	extremely, incredibly, seriously, truly
walk	amble, hike, pace, stroll



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