

# Non-Negotiable DEAD WORDS LIST

**Do not use any of the following in your writing.**

Some words in the English language tend to be overused and, therefore, lose their power. These words are referred to as **DEAD WORDS**. Below is a list of dead words and some interesting alternatives.

**This list is not limited to just these words!**

DEAD WORDS	ALTERNATIVES
<b>YOU</b>	<b>THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVES! WE DO NOT WRITE IN SECOND PERSON!</b>
a lot, lots	Numerous, heaps, many scores, innumerable, much a great deal, many times, often, plethora
also	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 had
fun	pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly
funny	amusing, comical, laughable, jovial, strange, peculiar, unusual
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
nice	pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing
pretty	attractive, comely, beautiful
scared	afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened
so	this, according, therefore
then	first, second, next, later, finally, afterwards, meanwhile, soon
very	extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurable, infinitely, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully, chiefly