



## Cheat Sheet: Overused words

These are the most commonly overused words in English. Print this out and use it for inspiration.

<b>about</b>	approximately, nearly, almost, roughly, in general
<b>also</b>	too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to, furthermore
<b>amazing</b>	overwhelming, astonishing, startling, unexpected, surprising, remarkable
<b>bad</b>	defective, inadequate, incorrect, poor, unsatisfactory, disagreeable, offensive, corrupt, naughty, harmful, unfavourable
<b>beautiful</b>	attractive, admirable, elegant, appealing, alluring, exquisite, gorgeous, handsome, stunning
<b>begin</b>	commence, found, initiate, introduce, launch, originate, start, embark on, generate
<b>big</b>	enormous, extensive, huge, immense, massive, copious, spacious, ample, abundant
<b>boring</b>	commonplace, monotonous, tedious, tiresome, dull, mundane, repetitious
<b>but</b>	however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the other hand, aside from, disregarding
<b>change</b>	alter, transform, vary, replace, diversify, modify, revise
<b>choose</b>	select, elect, nominate, prefer, identify, decide on, single out
<b>definitely</b>	unquestionably, clearly, precisely, positively, inescapably, certainly, absolutely
<b>easy</b>	effortless, comfortable, undemanding, pleasant, relaxed, apparent
<b>excellent</b>	superior, remarkable, unsurpassed, superb, magnificent, exceptional, wonderful, invaluable



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<b>fast</b>	swift, quick, hasty, instant, rapid
<b>finish</b>	complete, conclude, cease, achieve, exhaust, deplete, consume
<b>fun</b>	pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly, witty
<b>funny</b>	comical, amusing, entertaining, bizarre, unusual, uncommon, comical, laughable
<b>get</b>	obtain, receive, acquire, achieve, access, earn
<b>give</b>	donate, supply, deliver, distribute, contribute, bestow, award
<b>good</b>	satisfactory, fine, competent, striking, commendable
<b>great</b>	tremendous, superior, remarkable, expert, wonderful, fantastic
<b>happy</b>	pleased, elated, jubilant, cheerful, delighted, ecstatic, thrilled
<b>hard</b>	complex, complicated, difficult, rigorous, harsh, tough, rigid
<b>help</b>	assist, aid, support, sustain, serve, advise
<b>important</b>	significant, substantial, meaningful, critical, vital, notable
<b>interesting</b>	absorbing, appealing, entertaining, fascinating, thought-provoking
<b>keep</b>	retain, control, possess, withhold, preserve, accumulate, gather
<b>know</b>	comprehend, understand, realise, perceive, appreciate, have knowledge of
<b>like (adj)</b>	similar, equivalent, parallel, such as, similar to, similarly
<b>like (verb)</b>	enjoy, relish, appreciate, approve of, admire, prize
<b>lots</b>	numerous, heaps, many, scores, innumerable, reams
<b>make</b>	build, construct, produce, assemble, fashion, manufacture, compose, generate
<b>new</b>	recent, modern, current, novel, unique, distinct, unused



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<b>next</b>	subsequent, thereafter, successive, following
<b>nice</b>	pleasant, satisfying, fascinating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing, friendly
<b>old</b>	aged, mature, experienced, used, worn, former, previous, obsolete
<b>part</b>	section, portion, segment, detail, element, component
<b>pleasant</b>	agreeable, gratifying, refreshing, welcome, amicable
<b>prove</b>	demonstrate, confirm, validate, verify, corroborate, justify
<b>really</b>	truly, genuinely, extremely, undeniably, truthfully
<b>regular</b>	standard, routine, customary, habitual
<b>see</b>	regard, behold, witness, gaze, realise, notice, observe
<b>small</b>	diminutive, miniature, minor, insignificant, slight, trivial
<b>so</b>	thus, accordingly, therefore, in this way
<b>sometimes</b>	occasionally, intermittently, sporadically, periodically
<b>take</b>	grasp, capture, choose, select, tolerate, endure
<b>then</b>	first, second, next, later, finally, meanwhile, soon, hence
<b>think</b>	conceive, imagine, ponder, reflect, contemplate, envision
<b>try</b>	attempt, endeavour, venture, test, trial, experiment
<b>use</b>	employ, operate, utilise, exploit, take advantage of
<b>very</b>	deeply, extremely, exceedingly, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, immeasurably, infinitely, severely, surely