

Avoiding Wordiness

The following list includes 28 common wordy expressions and corrections for them. These are sometimes referred to as “filler words,” and should be avoided. Many times a lack of clarity in a sentence comes from the presence of these words.

Expression	Corrected Phrase
Absolutely essential	Essential
At this point in time	At this time, now
Audible to the ear	Audible
Combine together	Combine
Commute back and forth	Commute
Completely eliminate	Eliminate
Completely unanimous	Unanimous
In the vicinity of	Near
In the modern world of today	Today
In this day and age	Today
In view of the fact that	Because, since
Large in size	Large
Personally, I believe	I believe
Red in color	Red
Due to the fact that	Because, since
Final outcome	Outcome

Four different times	Four times
Four in number	Four
Important essentials	Essentials
In my opinion, I believe	I believe
In the event that	If
Repeat again	Repeat
Round in shape	Round
True facts	Facts
Usual custom	Custom
Very unique	Unique
Visible to the eye	Visible
With the exception of	Except for