6 Overused Words & What to Use Instead

The 6 overused words that make your eyes burn every time you read them are as follows...



Reason:

When something is literally occurring, that means it's happening exactly as described. If you say that a guitar solo literally blew your head off, your head should not be attached to your body.

Option: Remove / Replace

Usually, if you say it's "literally a jungle out there," you probably mean figuratively, but you're probably better off without either word. Figuratively means metaphorically.



I literally exploded after finally seeing U2 live.



I figuratively exploded after finally seeing U2 live.



BASICALLY

Option: Remove

you will see the sentence improve.

Reason: This word seldom add anything useful to a sentence.

Try the sentence without it, and almost always,



X Basically, it started with a screw up.



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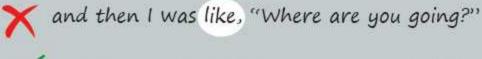
Reason:

Like has become so commonplace no one even knows when they actually say it. Its slow and painful conversion to an interjection is now dominating conversations for any Gen X- or Y-er that grew up with two-star-rated (or less) dumb blonde movies.

When using this word, make sure to do so according to its use. Otherwise,

Option: Remove / Replace

omit it. There are only 2 correct, proper usages for this word. These are: (1) Similarity - "This tastes like chicken." (2) Enjoyment - "I like this movie."



and then I asked, "Where are you going?"



Reason: The use of actually has become so common, in fact, that it has become the source of humor and satire. Usage varies, but tweets

ACTUALLY

bearing the hashtag #actually often aren't factual challenges

but rather jokes about the petty overuse of the word itself. **Option: Remove** 'Discourse markers' are words or phrases that help organize

meaning. Actually, when used as discourse marker (and oftern as a proposition) has come to signal a difference of opinion, not

facts. So just remove it. I actually think we should order pizza instead. / I think we should order pizza instead.



doesn't make you look cool either, not anymore.

Option: Replace You may replace it with the following words: Unimaginable Stunning Tremendous Unexpected Startling

Probably one of the most overused words in the English language. So let's stop using it as our default every time we are too lazy, busy, insecure, stupid or whatever to think of a more original or relevant word. It

· Unanticipated Phenomenal

- Remarkable Unthinkable Unbelievable Unforeseen Breathtaking Significant
- The fireworks were awesome!

Spectacular

· Splendid

 Wonderful · Overwhelming

Stupefying

- The fireworks were breathtaking!



She looks nice.

For writers, it's nearly unacceptable choice of word to use when you could pick one of the multitudes of better synonyms, like:

Reason:

- Delightful Divine
- Commendable Fantastic

The word nice is vague. It is a notoriously non-descriptive word.

NICE

Option: Replace



 Decorous · Polite

Courteous

Well-mannered

- - Amiable Charming

Cordial

- Winsome Attractive Genial
- Copacetic Marvelous She looks attractive.
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