

# List of 100+ Wordy Phrases to Avoid

If you come across any of these wordy phrases when you're writing or editing, try to replace them with an alternative. Using shorter and simpler words will improve the readability of your text, and save time for your readers.

<b>Wordy Phrase</b>	<b>Suggested Replacement</b>
A considerable number of	Many
A great many	Many
A number of	Some, several
According to our data	The data shows, we find
Adequate number of	Enough
Affords the opportunity	Allows, enables, lets
Am of the opinion	Believe, feel, think
Are in receipt	Have
Are indicative of	Reveal, show, suggest
Are of the same opinion	Agree
Arrived at the conclusion	Concluded
As a consequence	Because
As a means of	To
As long as	If
As to whether	Whether
As well as	Also, and
At a fast / quick / rapid rate	Quickly, rapidly
At a slow rate	Slowly
At that point in time	Then
At the end of the day	Finally, ultimately
At the present time	Now, today
Based on the fact that	Because
Be aware of the fact that	Know, realize
Both of these / those	Both
Brief in duration	Brief
Bring to a conclusion	Conclude, end

<b>Wordy Phrase</b>	<b>Suggested Replacement</b>
By means of	By, using, with
By the use of	Using, with
By virtue of	Because
Come to an agreement	Agree
Come to an arrangement	Arrange
Come to a realization	Realized
Concerning the matter of	About, regarding
Considering the fact that	Because, since
Costs a total of	Costs
Despite the fact that	Although, though
Draw to your attention	Emphasize, point out
Due to the fact that	Because
During the time that	When
Extend an invitation to	Invite
Give an indication of	Describe, show, tell
Has a requirement for	Needs
Has the ability / capability to	Can
In all likelihood	Most likely, probably
In an effort to	To
In a position to	Can
In close proximity	Close, near
In conjunction / connection with	With
In few cases / instances	Seldom, rarely
In light of the fact that	Because, since
In many cases / instances	Often, usually
In no case / instance	Never
In order to	To
In regard to / relation to / respect to	About
In spite of the fact that	Although, despite
In the absence of	Without
In the course of	During
In the event that	If
In the field of	In
In the final analysis	Finally

<b>Wordy Phrase</b>	<b>Suggested Replacement</b>
In the form of	As
In the light of	Considering
In the majority of instances	Usually
In the midst of	During
In the near/ not too distant future	Soon
In the neighborhood / vicinity of	About, close to, in, near
In this day and age	Currently, now, today
In view of the fact that	Because
Inasmuch as	Because, since
Is able to	Can
Is anticipated that	We expect
Is aware of the fact	Knows, realizes, sees
Is capable of	Can
Is unable to	Cannot, can't
It is believed that	Some believe, many believe
It is clear that	Clearly
It is evident that	Evidently
It is expected that	Likely, probably
It is obvious that	Obviously
It will be noted that	Note that
Make a decision	Decide
One can only conclude / guess / surmise / think / wonder	<i>In most cases, delete the whole phrase</i>
Seems to be	Seems
Take a position	Decide
Take the place	Replace, substitute
The lion's share / majority / preponderance of	Most
The reason for that is because	Because
The reason why is that	Because
There is the strong possibility that	Likely, probably
There is a likelihood that	Likely, probably
Until such time as	Until
Utilize	Use
Very	<i>In most cases, just delete</i>