

Problem words/phrases or verbage tha drives me insane

1. and also: this is redundant
2. an/or: unless your writing a legal document, choose 1
3. as to whether: whether will suffice
4. being that/ being as: use because
5. basically/essentially/totally: filler words, dump 'em
6. considered to be: eliminate to be, or entire phrase
7. due to the fact that: use because of due
8. each and every: us 1, not both
9. equally as: doesn't make sense. use either equally or ass
10. etc: can you say lazy?
11. he/she: gender equality aside, choose one
12. firstly, secondly, thirdly: use first second third. No adverbial forms
13. got: unless it's for dialog use must, need, should
14. had ought/hadn't ought: eliminate had
15. interesting: non specific and vague
16. in terms of: cut it
17. irregardless; ACK! cut it
18. kind of/sort of: try somewhat, rather, slightly
19. literally: do you mean literarily or figuratively?
20. lots/ lots of: replace with many or much
21. just: use only when needed
22. nature: can you omit it?
23. necessitate: ugly word.
24. of: it's a preposition not the word following should, could, would
25. on account of: use because
26. only: be careful where you place in sentence or what word it's modifying
27. orientate: not a word. you mean oriented
28. per: use according
29. plus: use and
30. point in time: use at this time or at this point or now
31. previous: use earlier
32. so as to: replace with to
33. suppose to/use to: it's supposed to and used to
34. the reason why is because: ACK !
35. thru: the preposition is through
36. 'til: until
37. try and: replace with try to
38. thusly: replace with thus or therefore
39. utilize: replace with use
40. very, really, quite, basically: omit these words