

Self-Edit Checklist: Redundant Expressions

Careful repetition can emphasize or clarify an idea,
but needless repetition makes writing longer, not better.

Depreciate in-value	Earlier in-time	Evolve over time	Few in-number
Grow in-size	Heavy in-weight	Large in-size	Later time
Moment in-time	Period of-time	Present time	Red in-color
Round in-shape	Short in-length	Time period	

Direction

Ascend up	Circulate around	Commute back-and-forth	Descend down
Drop down	Dwindle down	Fall down	Fetch back
Heat up	Kneel down	Lift up	Open up
Orbit around	Plunge down	Pouring down-rain	Raise up
Refer back	Reply back	Return back	Revert back
Rise up	Shuttle back-and-forth	Sink down	Skirt around
Surrounded on-all-sides	Swoop down	Written down	

RAS Syndrome – Redundant Acronym Syndrome

ABM missile – Anti-Ballistic Missile	ATM machine – Automated Teller Machine
HIV virus – Human Immunodeficiency Virus	ISBN number – International Standard Book Number
PDF format – Portable Document Format	PIN number – Personal Identification Number
UPC code – Universal Product Code	VIP person – Very Important Person

Absolutely essential (absolutely guaranteed, absolutely necessary, absolutely sure)
Actual experience (actual fact, actual truth)
Advanced notice (advanced planning, advanced preview, advanced reservations, advanced warning)
Basic essentials (basic fundamentals, basic necessities, basic needs)
Completely destroyed (completely eliminated, completely empty, completely engulfed, completely filled, completely finished, completely opposite, completely surrounded)
Fellow classmate (fellow colleague, fellow countryman)
Final conclusion (final end, final outcome, final ultimatum)
New beginning (new construction, new innovation, new invention, new recruit)
Past experience (past history, past memories, past records)
Still continues (still persists, still remains)

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12 noon / 12 midnight	8 a.m. in the morning	Absolute certainty
Add an additional / add up	Added bonus	Advance forward
Agonizing pain	All throughout	All-time record
Alternative choice	And etc.	Anonymous stranger
Armed gunman	Ask a question	Assemble together
Assless chaps	Bald-headed	Blend together
Bouquet of flowers	Brief moment / brief summary	Cash money or cash money
Close proximity / close scrutiny	Closed fist	Collaborate together
Compete with each other	Complete overhaul	Connect together
Consensus of opinion	Continue on	Crisis situation
Current status / current trend	Dead body	Definite decision
Difficult dilemma	Direct confrontation	Disappear from sight
Each and every	Each individual	Eliminate altogether
Eliminate entirely	Emergency situation	Empty hole
Empty out	Enter in	Equal to one another
Eradicate completely	Erupt violently	Exact same
False pretense	Favorable approval	Fiction novel
Filled to capacity	First and foremost	First conceived
First of all	Fly through the air	Follow after
Foreign imports	Forever and ever	Former graduate / former veteran
Free gift	Frozen ice / frozen tundra	Full gamut
Fuse together	Future plans	Gather together
General consensus	General public	Glance briefly
Hollow tube	Important essentials	Integrate with each other

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Invited guests	Join together	Joint collaboration
Knots per hour	Knowledgeable expert	Lag behind
Last of all	Local residents	Low ebb
Main protagonist	Major breakthrough / major feat	Meet together
Merge together	Mix together	More superior
Most unique	Mutual cooperation	Natural instinct
Never before	None at all	Now pending
Off of	On a daily basis	Originally created
Outside in the yard	Outside of	Overexaggerate
Palm of my hand	Passing fad	Penetrate into
Personal friend	Personal opinion	Pick and choose
Plan ahead / plan in advance	Polar opposites	Possibly might
Postpone until later	Predict in advance	Protest against
Reason why	Regular routine	Repeat again
Safe haven	Same exact / same identical	Serious danger
Sharp point	Slightly ajar	Spell out in detail
Start off / start out	Sudden crisis / sudden impulse	Suddenly exploded
Sum total	Sworn affidavit	Temper tantrum
Terrible tragedy	Therapeutic treatment	Tiny bit
Total destruction	True facts	Unexpected emergency
Unexpected surprise	Unintended mistake	Unsolved mystery
Usual custom	Various differences	Very unique
Visible to the eye	Wall mural / wall sconce	Whether or not