

## **Learning Resource Center – Writing Center**

## **Overused Words**

This is a list of words that are overused, with some suggestions for alternate words. Remember that you can always refer to a thesaurus for more options.

**Amazing** - Incredible, fabulous, fantastic, astonishing, astounding, extraordinary

**Bad** - Abominable, disgusting, dreadful, horrible, lousy, terrible, unpleasant

Begin - Start, open, launch, initiate, commence

**Big -** Enormous, expansive, gigantic, colossal, sizable, spacious, substantial, tremendous

Dark - Gloomy, shadowy, shaded, dismal

Do - Accomplish, achieve, perform, complete, succeed

**End** - Conclude, discontinue, finish, halt, stop

Fast - Fleet, hasty, rapid, speedy, swiftly, quick

**Fun** - Amusing, enjoyable, entertaining, exciting,

delightful, pleasurable, marvelous

**Good** - Acceptable, agreeable, excellent, pleasing,

useful, valuable

Got - Acquired, attained, earned, gained, received

Great - Considerable, distinguished, grand, magnificent,

mighty, powerful

Happy - Cheerful, content, delighted, elated, joyous,

jubilant, merry, pleased, thrilled

Important - Critical, distinguished, essential, indispensable, necessary, significant, valuable

Interesting - Animated, appealing, challenging, engrossing, exciting, gripping, intriguing, spellbinding

**Look** - Gaze, glimpse, inspect, observe, peek, peer, scan,

survey, view

Lots - Countless, endless, infinite, numerous

Mad - Angry, annoyed, enraged, fuming, furious, livid,

upset

**Nice -** Courteous, friendly, helpful, likeable, pleasant

**Pretty/Beautiful -** Attractive, aesthetic, dazzling,

exquisite, gorgeous, lovely, pleasing, ravishing, stunning

Said - Announced, answered, asked, cried, declared,

informed, replied, shouted, stated, vowed

Small - Miniature, petit, puny, skimpy, slight, teeny, tiny

Use - Consume, employ, expend, exhaust, utilize

**Very** - Extremely, incredibly, terribly, wonderfully