

Banned Adjective: GOOD

Character

scrupulous
godly
virtuous
moral
righteous
honest
noble
wholesome
pure
innocent
untainted
saintly
courteous
well-mannered
obedient
trustworthy
upstanding
upright
respectable
gallant
benevolent

A Deed is ...

praiseworthy
laudable
commendable
admirable
credible

An Idea Is ...

brilliant
ingenious
resourceful
inventive
creative
innovative
imaginative

Great

terrific
superior
extraordinary
marvelous
excellent
super
wonderful
magnificent
splendid
exemplary
awesome
fascinating
superb
glorious
spectacular
capital
first-rate
topnotch
top quality
select
unequaled
unparalleled
outstanding
unrivaled
exquisite
majestic
refreshing

Acceptable

agreeable
satisfactory
presentable
tolerable
all right
pleasant
pleasing

Good for You

wholesome
nutritious
beneficial
favorable
advantageous
worthwhile
profitable

Food

delicious
delectable
scrumptious
flavorful
tasty
appetizing
yummy
savory
mouth-watering
luscious
succulent

Special

cherished
idolized
prized
esteemed
held dear
revered
adored

Sounds

melodious
sweet
harmonious
golden
catchy
clear
pleasant
flowing
glorious
heavenly

Skilled

capable
accomplished
efficient
effective
knowledgeable
qualified
adept
adroit
proficient
expert
experienced
productive

Add Your Own

Banned Adjective: BAD

(see also "MEAN")

Character

wicked
 unrighteous
 amoral
 immoral
 ungodly
 dishonest
 unscrupulous
 impious
 dissolute
 licentious
 roguish
 crooked
 untrustworthy
 disloyal
 treasonous
 insidious
 deceitful
 sinister
 sinful
 criminal
 base
 unreliable
 naughty

Tricky

wily
 sly
 cunning
 dishonest
 crafty
 conniving
 cheating

Acts

heinous
 terrible
 spiteful
 awful
 brutal
 diabolical
 atrocious
 horrible
 abominable
 detestable
 despicable
 contemptible
 vile
 sordid
 foul
 wretched
 reprehensible
 disgraceful
 shameful
 scandalous
 snide
 revolting
 obnoxious
 repulsive
 disgusting
 unpalatable
 regrettable
 untimely

Faulty

imperfect
 inferior
 second-class
 defective
 inadequate
 unacceptable
 lousy
 ineffectual
 unfit
 languid

Harmful

detrimental
 deleterious
 damaging
 ruinous
 baneful
 venomous
 fatal
 injurious
 treacherous

Add Your Own

Banned Adjectives: PRETTY/NICE

Pretty

beautiful
attractive
comely
handsome
eye-catching
fancy
captivating
gorgeous
stunning
ravishing
alluring
lovely
charming
enticing
exquisite
breathtaking
inspiring
colorful
brilliant

adorned
dazzling
decorative
deluxe
elaborate
glorious
glowing
lustrous
ornate
radiant
shining
vibrant
vivid

adorable
classy
dainty
delicate
elegant
grand
refined
ritzy
sleek
snazzy
sophisticated

Add Your Own

Nice

kind
friendly
delightful
personable
charismatic
enchanting
sweet
charming
pleasant
genial
congenial
sociable
benevolent
amiable
agreeable
affectionate
cordial
neighborly
cooperative
sympathetic

Add Your Own

Banned Adjectives: UGLY/MEAN

Ugly

unsightly
 grotesque
 homely
 unattractive
 marred
 contorted
 mutilated
 blemished
 unappealing
 gruesome
 hideous
 frightening
 scary
 creepy
 horrifying
 shocking
 daunting
 disturbing

Add Your Own

Mean

obnoxious
 cruel
 barbaric
 ferocious
 savage
 vicious
 brutal
 brutish
 evil
 fiendish
 diabolical
 infernal
 wicked
 nasty
 disagreeable
 sinister
 villainous
 haughty
 unfriendly
 uppity
 harsh
 unpleasant

Add Your Own

Plain

dull
 drab
 ordinary
 common
 boring
 everyday
 not much to look at
 humdrum
 bleak

A Remark or Act Can Be ...

seething
 scathing
 biting
 caustic
 bitter
 cutting
 stinging
 critical
 virulent
 spiteful
 hostile
 injurious
 damaging
 malignant
 heated
 appalling

Banned Adjective: INTERESTING

amazing
astonishing
astounding
marvelous
miraculous
incredible
remarkable
unbelievable
inconceivable
confounding

puzzling
baffling
bewildering
unfathomable
abstruse
mysterious
enigmatic
cryptic
esoteric

bizarre
weird
unique
freakish
offbeat
outrageous
outlandish
oddball
unorthodox

Add Your Own

intriguing
amusing
fascinating
gripping
engrossing
thought-provoking
exciting
tantalizing
captivating
spell-binding
enthralling

extraordinary
unheard of
uncommon
strange
odd
peculiar
curious
seldom seen
unimaginable
surprising
unconventional
unprecedented
novel
irregular

Banned Adjectives: BIG / SMALL / A LOT

Big

large
gigantic
towering
great
spacious
bulky
broad
immense
vast
huge
enormous
good-sized
expansive
colossal
monstrous
monumental
tremendous
grand
extensive
massive
robust
jumbo
mammoth
substantial
humongous
stupendous
prominent
elephantine
gargantuan
prodigious
grandiose
Herculean

Add Your Own

Small

tiny
little
wee
mini
short
teeny
itsy-bitsy
peewee
bantam
diminutive
petite
miniature
miniscule
minute
puny
runty
stunted
dwarf
shrunken

thin
slender
slight
lean
scanty
narrow
brief
insufficient
sparse
wanting
skimpy
meager
minor

Add Your Own

A Lot

several
numerous
innumerable
countless
multiple
a multitude
a myriad
abundant
profuse
considerable
copious
umpteen
teeming
plentiful
throng

Add Your Own

Adverbs for Essays: A Handy List

pink

To show importance	To show how likely	To show how often	To show emotion
significantly fundamentally substantially essentially primarily absolutely relatively seriously distinctly utterly notably typically positively	presumably predictably probably undeniably normally tentatively willingly assuredly strictly possibly obviously evidently surely clearly	in/frequently continuously increasingly occasionally repeatedly regularly normally constantly slowly confidently gradually usually steadily suddenly abruptly hastily immediately directly generally	un/happily sadly tragically stubbornly eagerly wistfully un/fortunately in/conveniently proudly carefully hopefully mournfully wistfully willfully

Common	To Show Sequence		
easily dramatically virtually suddenly simply silently naturally foolishly marvelously	<u>AVOID</u> firstly secondly thirdly	<u>SOMETIMES USE</u> formerly previously progressively consequently presently sequentially	<u>CHOOSE</u> initially eventually ultimately originally effectively finally subsequently immediately recently currently simultaneously concurrently

Banned Verbs: GO/WENT and COME/CAME

advance	flounder	rocket	trample	<u>Move</u>
amble	flow	rush	travel	blow
arise	flutter	sail	trek	convulse
ascend	fly	sashay	trip	crash
billow	follow	saunter	trot	flop
blunder	forge	scamper	trudge	hover
bob	furl	scroll	tumble	jiggle
bolt	gallop	scuttle	twirl	jostle
bounce	glide	shuffle	twist	jump
bound	gush	sink	veer	lash
burst	hurry	slither	waltz	oscillate
careen	hustle	sneak	wander	pulsate
cartwheel	jolt	soar	wave	quake
cascade	journey	sojourn	whirl	quiver
charge	lag	somersault	whisk	revolve
climb	leap	spill	whiz	roll
coast	loop	spiral	whoosh	rotate
coil	lope	spring up	worm	shake
continue	lumber	sprint	zigzag	shift
crawl	lurch	sprout	zoom	shiver
creep	maneuver	spurt		shudder
cross	meander	stagger		spin
crusade	mosey	stoop		squirm
dance	mount	storm		stir
dart	parade	stream		sway
dash	pelt	stride		swerve
depart	pirouette	stroll		throb
descend	pivot	strut		toss and turn
dip	plod	stumble		tremble
dive	plow	surge		trill
dribble	plummet	sweep		twitch
drift	plunge	swerve		vibrate
drive	plunk	swirl		whip
droop	pour	swoop		whish
drop	prance	take off		wiggle
drudge	press on	teeter		wobble
exit	proceed	thump		wriggle
flee	progress	tiptoe		
float	race	topple		
flock	retreat	tour		
flop	ripple	trail		

Banned Verbs: SAY/SAID

accuse
 acknowledge
 add
 admit
 admonish
 advise
 affirm
 agree
 allege
 announce
 apologize
 assert
 babble
 bargain
 bawl
 beg
 begin
 bellow
 boom
 beseech
 bemoan
 blast
 boast
 cackle
 caution
 challenge
 chant
 charge
 chime
 chorus
 chuckle
 chide
 cite
 clamor
 claim
 coax
 command
 comment
 complain
 concede
 concur
 confess
 confide
 confirm
 continue
 contradict
 contest
 cry

debate
 decide
 declare
 decree
 demand
 deny
 denounce
 describe
 dictate
 disagree
 dispute
 drone
 echo
 elaborate
 emphasize
 encourage
 exclaim
 explode
 flatter
 foretell
 fume
 gasp
 giggle
 go on
 greet
 grieve
 groan
 grumble
 hail
 howl
 imply
 implore
 infer
 inform
 inquire
 insist
 instruct
 insult
 interrogate
 jabber
 jeer
 lament
 lie
 lash out

mention
 mimic
 moan
 moralize
 murmur
 mutter
 nag
 notify
 object
 oppose
 pant
 persist
 plead
 pledge
 pout
 pray
 propose
 protest
 query
 question
 quiz
 ramble
 rant
 rave
 rebuke
 recite
 recount
 refute
 remark
 remind
 repeat
 reply
 report
 ridicule
 roar
 scoff
 scold
 scowl
 screech
 serenade
 shout
 shriek
 sigh
 sing

snap
 snarl
 sneer
 snicker
 sob
 squawk
 stammer
 state
 stress
 stutter
 submit
 suggest
 sulk
 summon
 swear
 tattler
 taunt
 tease
 threaten
 thunder
 urge
 vent
 voice
 volunteer
 vow
 wail
 warn
 weep
 whimper
 whine
 whisper
 yak
 yell

Animal

caw
 cluck
 cackle
 chirp
 croak
 bleat
 moo
 whinny
 squawk
 screech
 hiss
 roar
 neigh
 yap

Sing

belt out
 chirp
 entertain
 fill the air
 perform
 serenade
 solo
 trill
 warble
 with music

Add Your Own

Banned Verbs: GET/GOT

Get/Got

acquire
capture
earn
seize
receive
realize
attain
pocket
reap
procure
grab
snatch
purchase
steal
collect
gain
achieve
reach
profit
secure
gather
glean
entrap
fetch
obtain

As in "Get There"

enter
appear
show up
turn up
return
approach
join
intrude
burst in
infiltrate
invade
arrive
(also see go/went)

As in "Get out of Bed"

bounce
climb
fall
spring
fly
roll

As in "Get an Idea"

comprehend
grasp
realize
catch on
apprehend
fathom
figure out
perceive
discover
understand

Add Your Own

Banned Verbs: SEE/LOOK**See/Look**

be aware of
 behold
 check out
 detect
 discover
 examine
 explore
 eye
 find
 gape
 gawk
 gaze
 glance
 glare
 glimpse
 inspect
 keep an eye on
 monitor
 notice
 observe
 peek
 peep
 peer
 scrutinize
 search
 spot
 spy
 stare
 study
 survey
 take note of
 view
 watch
 witness

Options meaning "look for"

canvass
 forage
 hunt for
 pursue
 ransack
 rummage
 scavenge
 scour
 scout
 scrounge
 sweep
 track down
 trail

Add Your Own