

Name: _____



Dead Word List



Here lie words that have been used to death. May they rest in peace!

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|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| stuff | went | thing |
| thing | pretty | bad |
| a lot | like | really |
| nice | anyway | terrible |
| okay (or ok or k) | fine | wonderful |
| in conclusion | very | you |
| all in all | tons | lots |
| kind of | sort of | good |

Try these words instead...

DEAD WORDS	ALTERNATIVES
a lot, lots	Numerous, heaps, many scores, innumerable, much a great deal, many times, often
Also (use sparingly)	Too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to
awesome, cool, rad	fine, wonderful, marvelous, fantastic, excellent
awful	dreadful, alarming, frightful, terrible, horrid, shocking
But (Use sparingly)	however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the other had
fun	pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly
funny	amusing, comical, laughable, jovial, strange, peculiar, unusual
got, get	received, obtained, attained, succeed in
good	excellent, exceptional, fine, marvelous, splendid, superb, wonderful
great	wonderful, outstanding, marvelous, fantastic, excellent
guy	man, person, fellow, boy, individual
have to	need to, must
kid	child, boy, girl, youngster, youth, teen, teenager, adolescent
like	such as, similar to, similarly
mad	angry, frustrated, furious, incensed, enraged, irate
nice	pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing
pretty	attractive, comely, beautiful
scared	afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened
So (use sparingly)	this, according, therefore
then	first, second, next, later, finally, afterwards, meanwhile, soon
very	extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurable, infinitely, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully, chiefly
Show (use sparingly)	display, portray, illustrate, exhibit, depict



Said is dead

...but *how* did they say it?



Normally?

stated
spoke
remarked
reported
added

As a question?

asked
inquired
requested
begged

As an answer?

answered
replied
responded
acknowledged
explained

Happily?

rejoiced
laughed
joked
giggled
sang

cheered
smirked
marveled
chimed
beamed

Loudly?

shouted
belted
yelled
screamed
exclaimed
boomed
called

Full of worry?

quaked
trembled
stammered
stuttered
gulped

Angrily?

demanded
hissed
fumed
thundered
snapped
sneered
barked
ranted
grunted
roared
bellowed

Bossily?

commanded
ordered
dictated
insisted

Sadly?

cried
sobbed
groaned
bawled
whined

Quietly?

mumbled
muttered
whispered

Silently?

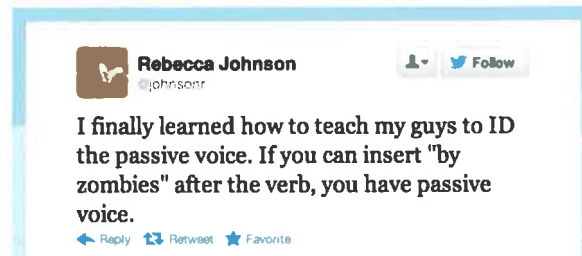
thought
wondered
pondered

Active & Passive Voice

PASSIVE VOICE

Tells what is done to someone or something.

- The subject performs the action and typically comes after the action (verb).
- The object is who or what receives the action and typically comes before the action (verb).



ACTIVE VOICE

Tells what a person or thing does.

- The subject performs the action and typically comes before the action (verb).
- The object is who or what receives the action and typically comes after the action (verb).

ACTIVE VOICE



Wild penguins
attacked my sister.

action subject

PASSIVE VOICE



My sister **was attacked** by wild penguins.

subject action

ACTIVE VOICE:

Alex wrote the essay on Alzheimer's.



PASSIVE VOICE:

The essay on Alzheimer's was written by Alex.



PASSIVE ACTIVE

We (subject) are going to watch (verb) a movie (object) tonight.

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

A movie (subject) is going to be watched (verb) by us (subject) tonight.

PASSIVE ACTIVE

I (subject) ran (verb) the obstacle course (object) in record time.

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

The obstacle course (subject) was run (verb) by me (subject) in record time.

PASSIVE ACTIVE

The crew (subject) paved (verb) the entire stretch of highway (object).

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

The entire stretch of highway (subject) was paved (verb) by the crew (subject).

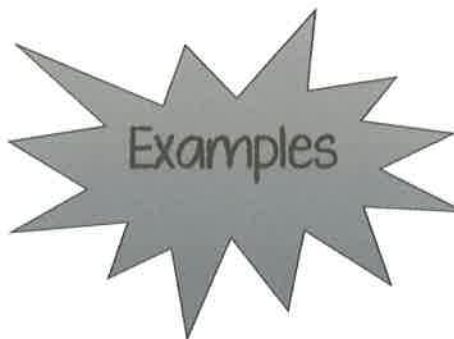
PASSIVE ACTIVE

The cleaning crew (subject) vacuums and dusts (verb) the office (object) every night.

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

Every night the office (subject) is vacuumed and dusted (verb) by the cleaning crew (subject).



PASSIVE ACTIVE

Thousands of tourists (subject) view (verb) the Grand Canyon (object) every year.

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

The Grand Canyon (subject) is viewed (verb) by thousands of tourists (subject) every year.

PASSIVE ACTIVE

The director (subject) will give (verb) you instructions (object).

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

Instructions (subject) will be given (verb) to you by the director (subject).

PASSIVE ACTIVE

Susan (subject) will bake (verb) two dozen cookies (object) for the bake sale.

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

For the bake sale, two dozen cookies (subject) will be baked (verb) by Susan (subject).

PASSIVE ACTIVE

The saltwater (subject) eventually corroded (verb) the metal beams (object).

vs.

PASSIVE PASSIVE

The metal beams (subject) were eventually corroded (verb) by the saltwater (subject).

Active Verbs

Note of Caution: Only use the verbs you're familiar with unless you take the time to examine the definition in the dictionary. **This is NOT a list of synonyms.** Each word has specific usage patterns that are unique to its meaning.

Literary Essay	Report or Persuasive Essay that refers to an expert's opinion or research studies	Report or Persuasive Essay that describes beginnings, causes, effects, etc.	Persuasive Essay that refers to the possibilities of what ideas can do, create, or assist with	Report or Persuasive Essay that involves laws or legal proposals
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abandon	collapse	dramatize	fix	hover	lurch
abduct	collar	drape	flag	hug	maim
abolish	collect	draw	flap	hurl	maintain
abscond	collide	dress	flash	hurtle	make
abuse	command	drill	flatten	hypothesize	manage
accelerate	commandeer	drink	flaunt	identify	mangle
accuse	communicate	drip	fly	ignore	manipulate
achieve	compile	drop	flee	illustrate	march
acquire	complete	drown	flick	imitate	mark
act	compose	drug	flinch	implement	massage
adapt	compute	dry	fling	improve	maul
add	conduct	duel	flip	improvise	measure
address	conserve	dunk	flit	inch	meddle
adjust	consolidate	ease	float	increase	mediate
administer	construct	edge	flog	indict	meet
advance	consult	edit	flounder	induce	mentor
advise	control	eject	flout	inflict	mimic
aim	coordinate	elevate	flush	influence	mingle
allocate	counsel	elope	fly	inform	mobilize
analyze	count	elude	fondle	inject	mock
answer	cram	emerge	force	injure	model
anticipate	crash	endure	formulate	insert	molest
apprehend	crawl	engage	fornicate	inspect	monitor
approach	create	enjoin	found	inspire	motivate
appropriate	creep	ensnare	fumble	install	mourn
arbitrate	cripple	enter	furnish	instigate	move
arrange	crouch	equip	gain	institute	mumble
arrest	cut	erupt	gallop	interchange	murder
ascertain	dance	escape	gather	interpret	muster
assault	dart	establish	generate	interview	mutilate
assemble	dash	estimate	gesture	invade	nab
assess	deal	evacuate	get	invent	nag
attack	decide	evade	give	inventory	nail
attain	deck	evaluate	gnaw	investigate	needle
audit	deduct	evict	gossip	isolate	negotiate
avert	define	examine	gouge	jab	nick
bang	delegate	exert	grab	jam	nip
bar	delineate	exhale	grapple	jar	observe
beat	deliver	exit	grasp	jeer	obtain
berate	descend	expand	greet	jerk	occupy
bite	describe	expedite	grind	jimmy	offer
blast	design	expel	grip	jingle	officiate
block	detect	explode	gripe	jolt	operate
blow	determine	experiment	grope	judge	order
brighten	develop	explain	grow	jump	organize
broke	devise	expose	growl	keel	oversee
buck	diagnose	extend	grunt	kibitz	pack
budget	dictate	extirpate	guide	kick	paddle
built	dig	extract	gyrate	kidnap	page
bump	direct	extricate	hack	kill	pander
bury	discard	fade	hail	kneel	panic
bushwhack	discover	fake	hammer	knife	parachute
calculate	display	fall	handle	lash	parade
catch	dissect	falter	hang	launch	paralyze
charge	distribute	fan	harass	lead	park
chart	ditch	fast	haul	lean	parry
chase	dive	fear	head	leap	party
check	divert	feed	help	learn	pass
choke	do	feel	hesitate	lecture	pat
clap	dodge	fend	hide	left	patrol
clash	dominate	fight	hijack	level	pause
classify	dope	file	hit	lick	paw
climb	douse	fill	hitch	limp	peel
clip	draft	finance	hobble	listen	peep
clutch	drag	find	hoist	log	penetrate
coach	drain	finger	hold	lunge	perceive

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perform	rave	scrawl	snoop	swim	wade
persuade	read	scream	snub	swing	walk
photograph	realize	screw	snuff	swipe	wander
pick	receive	scrub	snuggle	switch	ward
picket	recline	scruff	soak	synthesize	watch
pile	recommend	scuffle	sock	systematize	wave
pilot	reconcile	sculpt	soil	tackle	wedge
pin	reconnoiter	scuttle	solve	take	weed
pinch	record	seal	spear	tap	weigh
pirate	recoup	search	spell	target	whack
pitch	recruit	seduce	spike	taste	whip
placate	redeem	seize	spin	taunt	whirl
plan	reduce	select	splatter	teach	whistle
play	reel	sell	splice	tear	wield
plod	refer	sense	split	tease	wiggle
plow	regain	serve	spot	telephone	withdraw
plunge	rejoin	set	spray	terrorize	work
pocket	relate	sever	spread	test	work
poke	relax	sew	spring	thrash	wrench
polish	relent	shake	sprint	thread	wrestle
pore	render	shanghai	spurn	threaten	write
pose	repair	shape	spy	throw	yank
pounce	repel	sharpen	squeak	tickle	yell
pout	report	shave	stack	tie	yelp
pray	represent	shear	stagger	tilt	yield
predict	repulse	shell	stamp	tip	zap
preen	research	shield	stand	toss	zip
prepare	resign	shift	start	touch	
prescribe	resist	shiver	startle	tout	
present	resolve	shock	steal	track	
presented	respond	shoot	steer	train	
preside	restore	shorten	step	transcribe	
primp	retaliate	shout	stick	transfer	
print	retreat	shove	stiffen	translate	
process	retrieve	shovel	stifle	trap	
prod	reveal	show	stomp	tread	
produce	review	shun	stop	treat	
program	ride	shut	strangle	trip	
project	rip	sidestep	strap	trot	
promote	rise	sigh	strike	trounce	
prompt	risk	signal	strip	try	
proofread	rob	sip	stroke	tuck	
propel	rock	sit	struck	tug	
protect	roll	size	stub	tumble	
provide	rub	skid	study	turn	
provoke	run	skim	stuff	tutor	
pry	rush	skip	stumble	twist	
publicize	sail	skirt	stun	type	
pull	salute	slacken	subdue	understand	
pummel	sap	slam	submerge	undertake	
pump	save	slap	submit	undo	
punch	saw	slash	suck	undress	
purchase	scale	slay	summarize	unfold	
pursue	scamper	slide	summon	unify	
push	scan	slug	supervise	unite	
question	scare	smack	supply	untangle	
quit	scatter	smear	support	unwind	
race	scavenge	smell	surrender	update	
raid	schedule	smuggle	survey	usher	
raise	scold	snap	suspend	utilize	
rally	scoop	snare	swagger	vacate	
ram	scoot	snarl	swallow	vanish	
ransack	score	snatch	swap	vanquish	
rape	scour	snicker	sway	vault	
rattle	scout	sniff	swear	vent	
ravage	scrape	snitch	swerve	violate	