

Replacing Overused Words



Refer to this list when you want to replace an overused word with a specific, interesting one.



make: build, construct, erect, manufacture, assemble, concoct, devise, produce, form, fashion, create, originate, invent

said: told, stated, claimed, declared, mentioned, referred, remarked, recited, announced, notified, gossiped, whispered, yelled, hollered, hissed, spoke, lectured, gabbed

see: note, notice, observe, perceive, distinguish, discover, discern, detect, spot, behold, regard, picture

go: advance, move, continue, leave, travel, depart, proceed, pass, progress, budge, stir

do: perform, finish, complete, enact, act, achieve, commit, execute, effect, perpetrate

lots: many, numerous, plentiful, countless, various, bountiful, innumerable, abundant, profuse

great: noble, exalted, mighty, notable, distinguished, eminent

got: received, earned, won, acquired, obtained, gathered, retrieved

fine: superior, excellent, splendid, superb, terrific

every: common, familiar, frequent, regular, routine

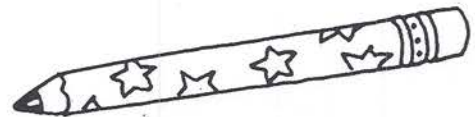
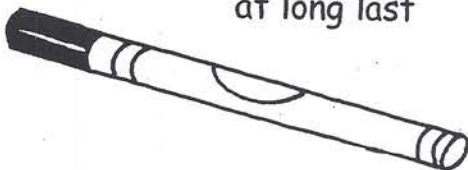
nice: courteous, friendly, kind, pleasant, amiable, cordial;
see also good

fun: enjoyable, exciting, fantastic, wonderful, marvelous, joyous, terrific, splendid, incredible

very: incredibly, fantastically, wonderfully, marvelously, extraordinarily, extremely, quite

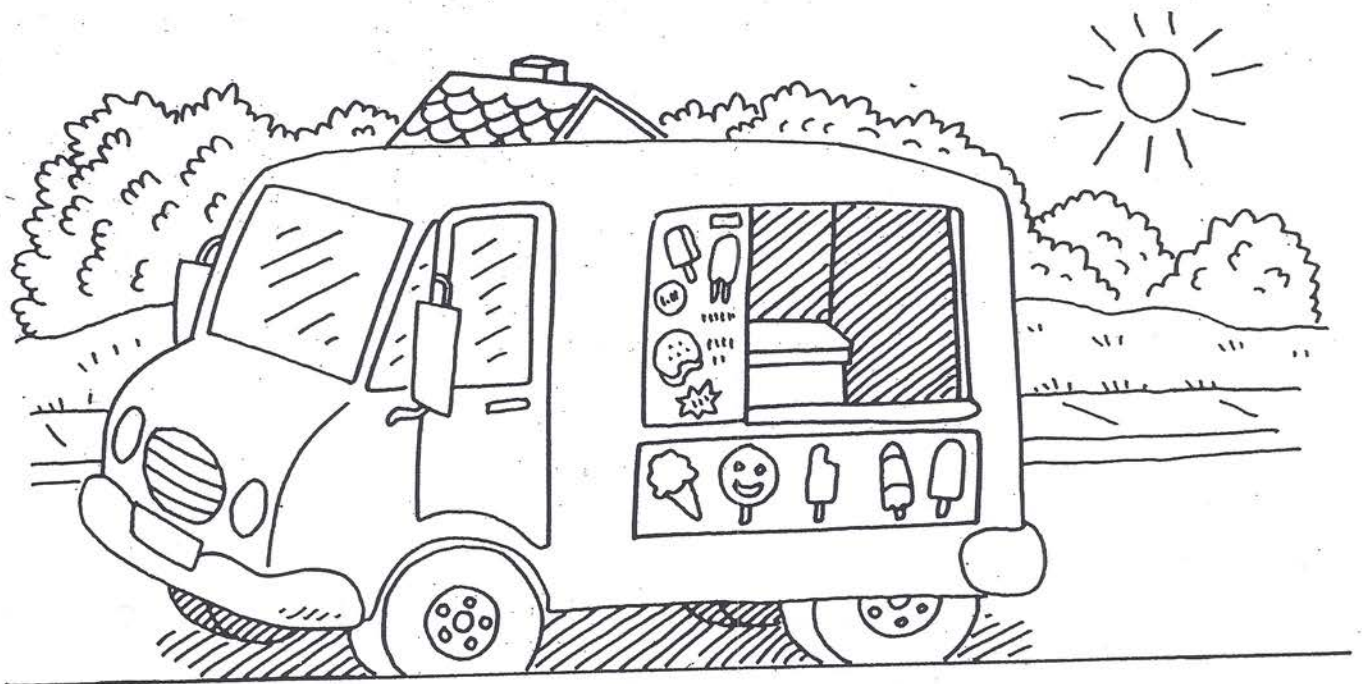
good: satisfactory, adequate, alright, acceptable, valid, useful;
see also nice

then: Use sequencing words and phrases such as first, second, third; first, next, then, last; before, after; afterwards; later; after a while; by and by; later on; subsequently; finally; lastly; at long last



Wimpy Words

It was very hot this weekend. We were very, very hot, too, so we went outdoors. We went in the sprinkler. The sprinkler was very cold. We got very wet. The ice-cream man went down our street, so we went out to meet him. Our ice-cream man is very kind. He waited while we went inside to get money. Our mom was very mad because we went inside with wet feet, but she was very forgiving and gave us money for ice cream anyway. The ice cream was very, very, very delicious!



Worthy Words

It was _____ this weekend. We were _____, too, so we _____ outdoors. We _____ in the sprinkler. The sprinkler was _____. We got _____. The ice-cream man _____ down our street, so we _____ out to meet him. Our ice-cream man is _____. He waited while we _____ inside to get money. Our mom was _____ because we _____ inside with wet feet, but she was _____ and gave us money for ice cream anyway. The ice cream was _____!

