

NEEDLESS WORDS AND PHRASES
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Check your writing for the following needless words:

Needless Words	Substitutions
along the lines of	like
as of that time	then
at that point in time/at this point in time	then/now
by means of	by/which
due to the fact that/in light of the fact that/because of the fact that/by virtue of the fact that	because
in terms of	(usually omit)
in view of	because
on the part of	by/which
in a number of	some
with regard to/with respect to	about/concerning/(or omit entirely)
the question as to whether	whether (“the question whether”)
there is no doubt that	no doubt/doubtless
used for fuel purposes	used for fuel
he is a man who	he
in a hasty manner	hastily
this is a subject that	this subject
his story is a strange one	his story is strange
the reason why is that	because
owing to the fact that	since/because
in spite of the fact that	although/though
call your attention to the fact that	remind you/notify you
I was unaware of the fact that	I was unaware that/did not know that
the fact that he had not succeeded	his failure

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the fact that I had arrived	my arrival
in spite of	despite
at all times	always
in the nature of	like
for the purpose of	for
in order to	to
until such time as	until
for the reason that	because
in the event that	if
by means of	by
in the final analysis	finally