

Eliminate Redundant Elements

Words or phrases that repeat the same idea are redundant.

The cosmetics department was offering a *free gift* with every purchase. [*Free gift* is redundant; gifts are always free.]

Here are some other redundant phrases. The words in italics should be deleted in your writing.

<i>advance</i> planning	frown/smile <i>on his</i>	<i>personal</i> opinion
<i>and</i> moreover	<i>face</i>	<i>preplan</i>
appear <i>to be</i>	gather <i>together</i>	protrude <i>out</i>
as <i>to</i> whether	graceful <i>in</i>	realization of a
attach <i>together</i>	<i>appearance</i>	dream <i>come true</i>
<i>basic</i> essentials	<i>habitual/usual</i>	return <i>back</i>
blue <i>in color</i>	custom	separate <i>apart</i>
<i>but</i> nevertheless	<i>hot-water</i> heater	<i>serious</i> danger
<i>close</i> proximity	inside of	sink <i>down</i>
<i>completely</i>	<i>invited</i> guest	small/large <i>in size</i>
finished	join <i>together</i>	square/round <i>in</i>
connect <i>together</i>	<i>joint/mutual</i>	<i>shape</i>
cooperate <i>together</i>	cooperation	strangled <i>to death</i>
descend <i>down</i>	last of <i>all</i>	<i>surrounding</i>
eliminate	lift <i>up</i>	circumstances
<i>altogether</i>	<i>local</i> resident	<i>total</i> annihilation/ extinction/destruc tion
<i>end</i> product	may/might <i>possibly</i>	<i>true</i> facts
<i>end</i> result	never <i>at any time</i>	<i>violent</i> explosion
<i>fellow</i> colleagues	<i>new</i> beginning	worthy of <i>merit</i>
few <i>in number</i>	<i>original</i> source	3 p.m. <i>in the</i>
filled <i>to capacity</i>	<i>passing</i>	<i>afternoon</i>
<i>final</i> outcome	phase/fad/fancy	
<i>first</i> priority	<i>past</i> history	
follow <i>after</i>	penetrate <i>into</i>	