

1.3 Content - Vague and Abstract Vocabulary

VAGUE VOCABULARY

More Information

Words like "very" and "etc." may simply be deleted.

Words like "kind" and "type" may be replaced with appropriate synonyms, such as style, category, brand, or variety.

Words like "community" may be supported with specifics, such as "the senior citizen community in the Elite Living Complex on the south side of Asbury Park." The addition of specifics will help lower the percentage of vague words.

In this text, **4.88% of the words are vague.**

The vague words listed in the three columns below were found in your text. Some of those words can be deleted; others may need to be replaced with specific words or supplemented with additional specific descriptions or examples to lower the vague-word percentage, preferably below 3%.

You might also check feedback in the "Third Person Pronouns" section of the "Clarity - Self and Personal Pronouns" analysis to make sure that your third person pronouns (he, she, they, it) clearly refer to specific nouns.

2 all	2 character	3 characters
1 clear	2 creative	1 emotion
2 enough	1 fact	1 factor
1 feeling	1 good	1 great
1 important	2 kind	1 later
1 many	1 more	1 most
1 much	1 necessary	1 opportunities
1 short	3 situation	1 situations
1 small	1 special	1 things
2 world	1 you	

ABSTRACT VOCABULARY

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A word like "achieve" might be replaced with "earn" or "win."

A word like "idea" in the sentence "Our coach had a powerful idea," could be changed to "Our coach had a powerful plan. He told us to line up like bowling pins, move together as a wedge, and veer to the right to avoid the other team (the bowling ball).

Not only is "plan" more concrete than "idea," the details that follow add to the specificity, the concreteness, of the text.

In this text, **4.01% of the words are abstract.**

The following list of abstract words may help you identify areas where more concrete terminology would make the passage clearer or areas where, by adding more specific details and concrete illustrations, you can strengthen your text.

Psychological research shows that concrete texts are easier to read, easier to use, and easier to remember than abstract texts. Since your abstract index is over 2%, your text might be strengthened by limiting your abstract vocabulary.

1 ability	2 achieve	1 actually
1 capable	1 concept	1 context
1 continue	1 crisis	3 development
1 fact	1 intellectual	2 kind
1 mastery	1 moment	1 necessary
3 need	1 needed	1 needs
1 opportunities	1 position	3 situation
1 situations	1 special	1 thoughts