

# Redundant Phrases/Distinguishing Similar Words

From Yvonne Lewis Day in "The Toastmaster"

(a bolt of) lightning	(current) fad	indicted (on a charge)	(partially) damaged
(a distance of) ten yards	(current) trend	(integral) part	(partially) destroy
(a) myriad (of) sources	(currently) being	introduced (a new)	(past) experience
(absolute) guarantee	dates (back)	introduced (first time)	(passing) fad
(absolutely) essential	(definite) decision	(invited) guests	(past) history
(absolutely) sure	descend (down)	(irregardless) regardless	(past) memories
(actual) experience	(different) kinds	is (now) pending	(past) records
add (an additional)	(difficult) dilemma	join (together)	penetrate (into)
(advance) planning	(direct) confrontation	(just) exactly	(perfect) ideal
(advance) reservations	do (over) (again)	(just) recently	period (of time)
(advanced) writing	drop (down)	kneel (down)	permeate (through)
all meet (together)	during (the course of)	last (of all)	(personal) charm
alongside (of)	dwindled (down)	lift (up)	(personal) friendship
(already) existing	each (and every)	(local) residents	(personal) opinion
aluminum (metal)	earlier (in time)	look back (in retrospect)	(pitch) black
(and) moreover	either (and/or both)	lose (out)	pizza (pie)
(as) for example	(empty) space	(major) breakthrough	plan (ahead)
ask (a question)	(end) result	(mass) media	(possibly) might
(as to) whether	enter (in)	(may) possibly	postponed (until later)
(as) yet	equal (to one another)	mean it (sincerely)	(pre-) plan
(at a) later (date)	eradicate (completely)	(mental) telepathy	(pre-)recorded
(at) about	(established) fact	merged (together)	(present) incumbent
at (the) present (time)	estimated at (about)	meshed (together)	(private) industry
at (12) noon	estimated (roughly) at	(midway) between	probed (into)
at (12) midnight	(every) now and then	might (possibly)	proceed (ahead)
at some time (to come)	(exact) opposites	mix (together)	protest (against)
(awkward) predicament	face (up to)	(mutual) cooperation	protrude (out)
(baby) boy was born	(false) pretenses	my (personal) opinion	(rate of) speed
bald (headed)	(fellow) classmates	(native) habitat	recur (again)
(basic) fundamentals	few (in number)	(natural) instinct	refer (back)
blend (together)	filled (to capacity)	never (at any time)	reflect (back)
bouquet (of flowers)	(finally) ended	never (before)	repeat (again)
(brief) moment	(first) began	(new) beginning	reply (back)
burn (down)	first (of all)	(new) bride	revert (back)
burn (up)	follow (after)	(new) construction	rose (to his feet)
(but) however	for (a period of) 10 days	(new) record	(rough) rule of thumb
(but) nevertheless	(foreign) imports	(new) recruit	(same) identical
came (at a time when)	forever (and ever)	no trespassing (allowed)	(separate) entities
cancel (out)	(free) gift	none (at all)	share (together)
(chief) protagonist	free (pass)	(null and) void	start (out)
climb (up)	(future) plans	off (of)	(still) persists
(close) proximity	gather (together)	(official) business	(still) remains
(close) scrutiny	general (conclusion)	officiated (at the ceremony)	(suddenly) collapsed

(cold) facts	(general) public	(old) adage	(suddenly) exploded
collaborate (together)	(glowing) ember	(old) cliché	(sum) total
combine (together)	golden (wedding anniversary)	(old) pioneer	summer (season)
commute (back n forth)	(grand) total	(old) proverb	swoop(down)
complete (monopoly)	(guest) speaker	(one and the) same	(sworn) affidavits
completely (destroyed)	had done (previously)	(originally) created	(thorough) investigation
completely (filled)	(hard) facts	over (and done with)	(true) facts
consensus (of opinion)	heat (up)	(over) exaggerate	(unintentional) mistake
continue (on)	(hot) water heater	(over) with	(usual) custom
(continue to) remain	I (myself personally)	(pair of) twins	(young) lad

## Distinguishing Similar Words

ASCENT (n) climb, rise, increase	ILLEGIBLE (adj) unreadable	OVERDO (v) to do too much
ASSENT (n) permission; (v) give approval,	LEGIBLE (adj) readable	OVERDUE (adj) is past due, is late
ADVICE (n) suggestion, recommendation	EMINENT (adj) prominent, distinguished	PASSED (v) moved along, went by
ADVISE (v) to suggest, to recommend	IMMINENT (adj) impending, threatening	PAST (n) time gone by
AFFECT (v) to influence, to charge	ESPECIALLY (adv) to a very high degree	PERPETRATE (v) be guilty of
EFFECT (v) to bring about (n) impact, result	SPECIALY (adv) specifically, uniquely	PERPETUATE (v) to keep something going
ALWAYS (adv) at all times	FACET (n) aspect, phase, point of view	PERSECUTE (v) to oppress, to keep nagging
ALL. WAYS (two words) in every way	FAUCET (n) water spigot	PROSECUTE (v) to sue, to take to court
ASSURE (v) give confidence	FARTHER (adv) great distance (actual)	PRECEDE (v) to go ahead of, take precedence
ENSURE (v) take steps to guarantee	FURTHER (adj) moreover, in addition	PROCEED (v) to advance, to take steps
INSURE (v) obtain insurance	FEEL GOOD means "in good spirits"	PRINCIPAL (adj) main; (n) sum of money, head of a school
BESIDE (prep) by the side of	FEEL WELL means "in good health"	PRINCIPLE (n) a rule, a general truth
BESIDES (adv.) <b>also, in</b> addition to	FOREWORD (n) preface. introduction	PROPHECY (n) a prediction
BIANNUAL (adj) twice a year	FORWARD (adv) onward. advancing. ahead	PROPHESY (v) to make predictions
BIENNIAL (adj) once every two years	HYPERCITICAL (adj) overly critical	STATIONARY (adj) fixed in place, immovable
CANVAS (n) heavy sail or tend cloth	HYPOCRITICAL (adj) pretends to be virtuous;	STATIONERY (n) writing paper
CANVASS (v) to solicit., to inquire, to tally	IT'S (contraction) "it is"	UNDO (v) open, unfasten, render ineffective
COMPLEMENTARY (adj) fits with, completes	ITS (pronoun) belongs to it	UNDUE (adj) improper, excessive
COMPLIMENTARY (adj) praiseworthy	LAST (adv, adj) the final one	WEATHER (n) state of the atmosphere
CONSCIENCE (n) sense of right and wrongs	LATEST (adv, adj) most recent	WHETHER (adj) if, as alternative
CONSCIOUS (adj) awake, aware. knowing	LAY (v) to put there, to place down	WHO'S (contraction) who is
CREDIBLE (adj) believable, trustworthy	LIE (v) recline on; also, tell a falsehood	WHOSE (possessive pronoun) possessive of who
CREDITABLE (adj) deserving of praise	LEGISLATOR (n) elected lawmaker	
INCREDIBLE (adj) amazing, unbelievable	LEGISLATURE (n) body of lawmakers	
DISCREET (adj) prudent, has good judgment	LESSEE (n) tenant, signer of a lease	
DISCRETE (adj) separate, distinct	LESSER (adv) smaller one	
	LESSOR (n) landlord, one who gives lease	
ELIGIBLE (adj) qualified, suitable	MORAL (n) point, lesson; (adv) virtuous	
INELIGIBLE (adj) not qualified or suitable	MORALE (n) spirit, enthusiasm	