

Do and Don't Sheet

1. Starters for sentences...

After	although	as	as if	unless	where
Before	because	if	while	until	since
So	that	then	though	when	

2. Substitutes for Very

Intensely	bitterly	exceedingly	surely	indefinitely
Especially	unusually	extremely	truly	immeasurably
Richly	mightily	powerfully	infinitely	incredibly
Shockingly	radically	slightly	fully	immensely

3. Auxiliary Verbs

Is	am	are	was	were	be	being	been
Can	could		will	would		shall	should
Have	has	had	do	does	did	may	might must

4. Transitions

At the same time	equally important	nearby
Again	equally	neither
And	even though	notwithstanding
Adjacent to	first	now
At length	for instance	opposite to
Above	farther	otherwise
As a result	finally	once
Across from	furthermore	provided that
As if	however	second
Accordingly	hence	soon
Also	in addition	similarly
Although	in the same manner	so that
As though	instead of	secondly
Besides	in the first place	specifically
Below	in spite of	therefore
But	in like manner	so that
Beyond	in comparison to	to begin with
Between	last	then
Besides	likewise	to conclude
By comparison	moreover	thus
Consequently	on the contrary	third unfortunately
Compared with	on the other hand	today while
Close to	next	unless whereas
Differing from	nevertheless	underneath yet

5. **Dead Words that are overused (Stay away from them)**

Get	getting	got	a lot	interesting	very	your	you
Great	nice	stuff	fun				

6. **Adverbs not ending in – ly**

Already	there	then	sometimes	together
Over	out	well	rather	fast
Here	late	too	away	far
Most	tomorrow	today	yesterday	nearby
Not	now	never	often	quite
Soon				

7. **Synonyms for “said”**

Addressed	debated	haggled	noted	stipulated
Admitted	decided	hedged	notified	stormed
Advised	declared	hesitated	observed	stressed
Affirmed	decreed	hinted	ordered	stuttered
Agreed	demanded	implied	pleased	suggested
Answered	elaborated	indicated	pointed out	taunted
Argued	entreated	inferred	proclaimed	thought
Asked	estimated	informed	professed	threatened
Babbled	exclaimed	insisted	quibbled	told
Barked	explained	judged	quoted	upbraided
Began	expressed	jested	quipped	urged
Begged	faltered	lamented	reasoned	uttered
Bragged	foretold	laughed	recited	vowed
Called	feared	lectured	referred	wailed
Cited	giggled	listed	refuted	warned
Claimed	granted	maintained	remarked	went on
Commented	grinned	mimicked	scolded	wept
	Groaned	mumbled	spoke	whimpered
		Murmured	stated	yelled

8. **Avoid:** A, An, The, Or, For, But, And, or Nor at the beginning of sentences.
9. **Use Adjective Clauses** – These begin with: who, whom, whose, which, that
10. **Use Adverb Clauses** – These begin with: as, because, so that, s if, as though, after, before, since, while, when, whenever, until, although, if, though, unless, where, whenever
11. **Verb Tense** must remain consistent throughout the entire essay! This means you do not switch from present to past to present to past, etc.