

Write 5 things about your state using short words and the topic sentence
The (your state) EMSC Program has experienced opportunities and faced challenges in the implementation of the EMSC Performance Measures.

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Create 5 sentences from your short words

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WORDS THAT COMMONLY NEED CORRECTION

Word	Proper usage
accuracy (see precision)	extent of correctness of a measurement or statement
affect (see effect)	verb, to cause a change or an effect; to influence
among (see between)	use in comparing more than two things
between (see among)	use in comparing only two things
continual	going on in time with no, or with brief, interruption
continuous	going on in time or space without interruption
effect (see affect)	usually a noun, the result of an action; as an adverb (rare), to bring about or cause to exist, or to perform
e.g. (see i.e.)	for example
enable (see permit)	to render able, make possible
ensure (see insure)	to make certain to guarantee
farther	more distant in space, time, or relationships
further	going beyond what exists, to move forward
i.e. (see e.g.)	that is
incidence (see prevalence)	number of cases developing per unit of population per unit of time
insure (see ensure)	to assure against loss
logistic	symbolic logic
logistics	details of an operation
percent	adjective, adverb, or noun; spell out only when the value is spelled out or when used as an adjective; use “%” with numerals
percentage	noun, part of a whole expressed in hundredths; often misused as an adjective, e.g., percent error, not percentage error
permit (see enable)	to allow, to give formal consent
precision (see accuracy)	degree of refinement with which a measurement is made or stated; e.g., the number 3.43 shows more precision than 3.4 but it not necessarily more accurate
prevalence (see incidence)	number of cases existing per unit of population at a given time

Words That Commonly Need Correction (Continued)

Word	Proper usage
since ¹	from some past time until present; not a synonym for "because" or "as"
presently	in the future, not synonymous with "at present" or "currently"
that (see which)	pronoun introducing a restrictive clause (seldom immediately preceded by a comma)
usage	firmly established and generally accepted practice or procedure
utilization, utilize	avoid by using "use" instead
various	of different types
varying	changing or causing to change; do not use for different
very	a vague qualitative term; avoid in scientific writing
which (see that)	pronoun introducing a nonrestrictive clause often preceded by a comma or preposition [for, in, or of which]); the word most often misused in manuscripts
while ²	during the time that; use for time relationships but not as synonym for "whereas," "although," and "similarly," which do not imply time

¹Some style authorities accept the use of while and since when they do not refer strictly to time; however, words like these, with more than one meaning, can cause confusion. Because precision and clarity are the standards in scientific writing, restricting the use of while and since to their temporal meanings is helpful. Use while to link events occurring simultaneously; use although, whereas, and, or but in place of while.

²See footnote 1.

COMMON EXPRESSIONS WITH SUPERFLUOUS WORDS

Superfluous wording	Suggested substitute
The purpose of this study was to test the hypothesis	I hypothesized
In this study we assessed	I assessed
We demonstrated that there was a direct	I demonstrated a direct
were responsible for	caused
played the role of	were
On the basis of evidence available to date	Consequently,
in order to provide a basis for comparing	to compare
as a result of	through, by
for the following reasons	because
during the course of this experiment	during the experiment
during the process of	during
during periods when	when
for the duration of the study	during the study
the nature of	(omit by rearrangement)
a large (or small or limited) number of	many (or few)
conspicuous numbers of	many
substantial quantities	much
a majority	most
a single	one
an individual taxon	a taxon
seedlings, irrespective of species	all seedlings
all of the species	all species
various lines of evidence	evidence
they do not themselves possess	they lack
were still present	persisted, survived
the analysis presented in this paper	our analysis
indicating the presence of	indicating
despite the presence of	despite
checked for the presence of	checked for

Common Expressions With Superfluous Words (Continued)

Superfluous wording	Suggested substitute
in the absence of	without
a series of observations	observations
may be the mechanism responsible for	may have caused
It is reasonable to assume that where light is not limiting	with light not limiting
in a single period of a few hours	in a few hours
occur in areas of North America	are in North America
in the vicinity	nearby
separated by a maximum distance of 10 m and a minimum distance of 3 m	3 to 10 m apart
the present-day population	the current population, the population
their subsequent fate	their fate
summer months	summer
are not uncommon	may be
due to the fact that	(omit by rearrangement)
showed a tendency toward higher survival	had higher survival
devastated with drought-induced desiccation	killed by drought

"MORE VERBS"

Argued

Asserted

Cited

Claimed

Concluded

Concurred

Contended

Declared

Described

Examined

Expressed

Explained

Indicated

Measured

Noted

Posited

Proposed

Recounted

Related

Reported

Revealed

Suggested