

AP English Language and Composition

Weak Words and Expressions

Forms of the verb, "to be" unless as helping verbs or when using passive verbs effectively

This means

Feel (as a substitute for "think" or "believe")

Kind of, sort of

Makes "this makes Job mad"

For some reason

Personally

I think, I feel, I believe (State your opinion as fact and support it.)

It seems to me

"you" and 2nd person narration

In which

Get "Job *gets* mad."

Very

Great

Nice

Sweet

Maybe

Seems

Perhaps

We

Even

Thing

Anything

Everything

Nothing

Something

Redundancies (2 or more sentences with the same ideas unless for rhetorical effect)

Wonderful

This is..., that is..., there is..., there are..., it is..., it was..., (just begin with the noun that follows or create an appositive)

Fabulous

Weird

Really

Extremely

This shows

That shows

Somewhat

Little

To some extent

Very

Great

A lot or allot (meaning a lot, not in the act of allotting)

Feel used as a substitute for "think" or "believe."

It is interesting that...

It is interesting to note...

This is profound because

Pretty (pretty good, pretty ugly, etc.)

"...there for me" (usually in reference to mothers/friends)

And then, but then, (double-eliminate conjunction)

Just, even, and ever/again (He was just sure..., he is not even..., no one could ever again...)

In conclusion

Being (being that..., being as..., his being a giant is...)

Really (as opposed to fakely?)

I got finished vs. I finished. ("Got" is not a helping verb.)

Done for "finished" ("I got done" is doubly awful)