

REDUNDANT REPETITIONS

Here is a list of commonly used redundancies that are often used. Make this the start of your own list. Explain why each is redundant.

Co-equal
Head up (or out)
Stretch out
Write down
Revert back
Sum total
End result
Smile on your face
Joined together
New record
Free gifts
Co-operative effort of many people working together

Here are some often used in TV newscasts.

“They’ll do an autopsy to determine the cause of death.”
“The cease-fire to end the fighting.”
“Searchers found four more survivors still alive.”
“Phony counterfeit bills.”
“Minus 25 degrees below zero.”
“The government has contingency plans just in case.”
“Where were you originally born?”
“That’s the honest truth.”
“El Paso is the main point of entry for illegal aliens coming into this country.”
“The ship is listing to one side.”
“St. Paul and Minneapolis are two cities next to each other.”
“We have alternatives to choose from.”
“He has no private life of his own.”
“You have to cope with reality as it is.”
“Witnesses at the scene said ...”
“Police estimate a crowd of about 50 to 75 demonstrators.”
“Let’s take a retrospective look back at the year.”
“He owes \$5 million in unpaid taxes.”
“Pete Rose just hit in his twentieth straight game in a row.”
“Tuition fees will rise next month.”
“Foreign imports have taken over the stores.”
“Here is the current, up-to-the-minute temperature.”
“She is a brave, courageous person.”
“You should have daily exercise, every day.”
“Can you jump over the rope and land on your two feet?”