**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

(AKA DEAD WORDS, AKA ILLEGAL WORDS)

\*not to be limited to but including:

Good

Bad

Pretty

Ugly “the baby words”

Nice

Kind

Big

Small

A lot or alot

Contractions (can’t, don’t, wasn’t, they’re)

Curse words (inappropriate for academic writing)

Got

I, me, my, mine (when analyzing literature)

Interesting (A word used to describe an ugly baby--there are many more vivid words than “interesting.”)

Said

Stuff

Wonderful (sounds good, but rather vague)

You, your, yourselves, etc. (Inappropriate in writing)

Any other *slang* words

I think, I believe, In my opinion… (unnecessary)

Today, I will talk about… (You aren’t talking. You are writing.)

They, them (inappropriate without an antecedent)

Thing(s), something (Be more specific!)