

## WEED WORDS

*These are some of the lazy words we use that pop up in our manuscripts like weeds.*

### Body Parts

Eyes  
Hand  
Heart  
Stomach  
Chest  
Face  
Shoulder

### Colors

Blue  
Red  
Gray  
White  
Black  
Green  
Yellow  
Orange  
Brown  
Pink  
Purple

### Actions

Begin  
Start  
Breathe/Breaths  
Frown  
Grin  
Turn  
Walk  
Try  
Shiver  
Shake  
Shrug  
Sigh  
Sit  
Smile  
Stand  
Stare  
Step

Get  
Cross (the room, the floor, etc.)  
Went  
Is/Was/Were  
Like  
Need  
Nod

### View

Gaze  
Glance  
See  
Look  
Notice

### Others

Want  
Was/Were + -ing verb  
Watch  
All  
Almost  
Bad  
Believe  
Close  
Every  
Good  
New  
Old  
Long  
Short  
Different  
Then  
Large  
Small  
Young  
Never  
Things  
Great  
Near

Pretty  
Ugly  
Big  
Many  
Back  
Little  
Huge  
Across  
Adverbs ending in -ly  
Before/After  
As  
Since  
Because  
Could/Should/Would  
Down/Up  
Had/Have Just/Only  
Over/Under  
Really/Very  
Sudden/Suddenly That  
Well  
So  
Oh no  
Around  
That

	<b>BE</b>
I	I'm I am
you	you're you are
he	he's he is
she	she's she is
it	it's (or 'tis)

	it is
we	we're we are
they	they're they are
that	that's that is
who	who's who is
what	what's/was what is/was

where	where's where is
when	when's when is
why	why's why is
how	how's how is

**DEEP POV**

Feel/Felt  
Saw  
Seem  
Heard

Think  
Knew/Know  
Thought  
Believed  
Realized  
Wonder  
Imagine  
Understand  
Touch  
Sound like  
Watch  
Experience  
Recall  
Remember  
To be able  
Notice

<b>WORDS (negating a verb)</b>	<b>CONTRACTION</b>
is not	isn't
are not	aren't
was not	wasn't
were not	weren't
have not	haven't
has not	hasn't
had not	hadn't
will not	won't
would not	wouldn't
do not	don't
does not	doesn't
did not	didn't
cannot	can't
could not	couldn't
should not	shouldn't

might not	mightn't
must not	mustn't

<b>WORDS (woulda-shoulda-coulda)</b>	<b>CONTRACTION</b>
would have	would've
should have	should've
could have	could've
might have	might've
must have	must've

<b>WORDS (odd ones)</b>	<b>CONTRACTION</b>
of	o'
of the clock	o'clock
madam	ma'am
never-do-well	ne'er-do-well
cat-of-nine-tails	cat-o'-nine-tails
jack-of-the-lantern	jack-o'-lantern
will-of-the-wisp	will-o'-the-wisp