SEVERAL repetitions of the same word in a sentence is not only disagreeable, but inelegant, and shows a lack of culture. Our language is very complete, having several words of like meaning to represent nearly every thought. But while it is easy to detect this ungraceful repetition in the language of others, it is sometimes quite difficult to supply just the word that should be used.

This department is compiled with great care, and by using it freely as a book of reference a command of language may be obtained which will be valuable through life. A certain noted writer says that the test of a solid thought lies in the fact that it will bear a change of clothing.

Whenever a doubt arises regarding the proper use of a word, or whenever you wish to avoid repetition, turn to the word in question.

EXAMPLE.

He had remarkable ability as a speaker, ability as a financier, ability in reading the thoughts of those around him, and ability to compel them to do his bidding.

CORRECTED.

He had remarkable ability as a speaker, capacity as a financier, aptness in reading the thoughts of those around him, and power to compel them to do his bidding.
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Aback, ad. Backward, rearward.
Abandon, v. Leave, relinquish, forsake, desert.
Abate, v. Lessen, diminish, decrease, reduce.
Abbréviate, v. Shorten, curtail, abridge, reduce.
Aberration, n. Wandering, rambling, deviation.
Abet, v. Aid, support, second, sustain, uphold.
Abhor, v. Hate, abominate, detest, loathe.
Abide, v. Stay, sojourn, lodge, dwell, reside.
Ability, n. Power, skill, capacity, aptness.
Abject, a. Base, vile, mean, slavish, menial.
Able, a. Accomplished, talented, skillful.
Abnormal, a. Irregular, unusual, unnatural.
Abominable, a. Hateful, odious, detestable.
Abound, v. Teem, swarm, increase, multiply.
Abridge, v. Condense, compress, abbréviate.
Arupt, a. Broken, sudden, unexpected.
Absolute, a. Independent, complete, perfect.
Abstain, v. Refrain, forbear, desist.
Abusual, a. Unreasonable, foolish, senseless.
Abundant, a. Abounding, flowing, plentiful.
Accede, v. Consent, agree, assent, comply.
Access, n. Avenue, approach, passage, way.
Accident, n. Casualty, misadventure, calamity.
Accommodate, v. Oblige, serve, supply.
Accomplice, n. Confederate, accessory.
Accomplished, a. Educated, finished, refined.
Accountable, a. Responsible, answerable.
Accurate, a. Exact, correct, truthful, strict.
Accustomed, a. Usual, habitual, familiar.
Acknowledge, v. Recognize, admit, concede.
Acquaint, v. Inform, apprise, tell, notify.
Acquire, v. Obtain, achieve, procure, secure.
Acquit, v. Discharge, clear, release, exonerate.
Active, a. Vigorous, busy, alert, energetic.
Adapt, v. Adjust, accommodate, proportion.
Adopt, v. Skilled, experienced, practiced.
Adjoin, a. Adjoining, near, close, bordering.
Adjourner, v. Postpone, defer, delay.
Adjust, v. Arrange, regulate, settle, reconcile.
Administer, v. Dispense, direct, manage.
Admission, n. Admittance, introduction.
Adopt, v. Appropriate, approve, support.
Adventure, v. Chance, hazard, risk, venture.

Adversary, n. Enemy, foe, antagonist.
Adversity, n. Misfortune, calamity, affliction.
Advertisement, v. Announce, publish, declare.
Advise, v. Counsel, admonish, suggest.
Advocate, v. Defend, support, vindicate.
Affable, a. Courteous, civil, polite, obliging.
Affirm, v. Declare, aver, assert, maintain.
Affluence, n. Wealth, riches, plenty.
Affright, n. Terrify, alarm, intimidate, startle.
Affront, n. Insult, abuse, injury, wrong.
Aggrandize, v. Exalt, honor, elevate, promote.
Aggregate, n. Whole, total, sum, amount.
Agitation, n. Disturbance, excitement.
Agony, n. Anguish, torture, torment, distress.
Agreeable, a. Suitable, proper, appropriate.
Ailing, a. Sickly, sick, ill, indisposed, unwell.
Aim, n. Direction, course, bearing, tendency.
Alicracy, n. Readiness, promptitude, alacrity.
Allay, v. Repress, restrain, check, subdue.
Allege, v. Declare, affirm, assert, aver.
Allow, v. Admit, acknowledge, confess.
Allude to, v. Intimate, suggest, intimate, hint.
Allusion, n. Reference, hint, intimation.
Ally, v. Unite, join, league, confederate.
Aims, n. Charity, benefaction, gift.
Alteration, n. Change, variation, mutation.
Amanuensis, n. Scribe, copyist, transcriber.
Ambition, n. Longing, yearning, aspiration.
Ameliorate, v. Improve, amend, mend, better.
Amenable, a. Accountable, liable, responsible.
Amendment, n. Improvement, emendation.
Amenability, n. Loveliness, benignity.
Ample, a. Large, great, capacious, wide.
Amuse, v. Entertain, divert, please, cheer.
Amusement, n. Entertainement, diversion.
Anghish, n. Agony, torment, torture, rack.
Announce, v. Publish, proclaim, advertise.
Annul, v. Cancel, abrogate, repeal, revoke.
Answer, n. Reply, response, rejoinder.
Antic, a. Odd, fantastic, grotesque, wild.
Anticipation, n. Expectation, expectancy.
Apace, ad. Quickly, speedily, swiftly, rapidly.
Apartment, n. Room, chamber, hall.
Apathetic, a. Unfeeling, passionless.
Apology, n. Defense, vindication, excuse.
Appall, v. Terrify, frighten, affright.
Apparent, a. Visible, discernible, perceptible.
Appeal, n. Address, invocation, petition.
Appease, v. Pacify, calm, quiet, soothe.
Applicable, a. Suitable, fit, fitting, befitting.
Appoint, v. Fix, determine, prescribe.
Appraise, v. Value, estimate, price, rate.
Apprehend, v. Think, suppose, imagine.
Reverse, v. Invert, overturn, overthrow.  
Revile, v. Vilify, defame, reproach, slander.  
Revive, v. Reuse, quicken, animate, refresh.  
Revolve, v. Consider, meditate, study.  
Rhetoric, n. Oratory, eloquence, eloquence.  
Ridicule, n. Derision, mockery, sarcasm.  
Ridiculous, a. Ludicrous, laughable, funny.  
Right, a. Straight, direct, just, lawful.  
Righteous, a. Pious, holy, virtuous, godly.  
Rigid, a. Stiff, inflexible, unpliant.  
Rigorous, a. Severe, austere, harsh, stern.  
Rill, n. Streamlet, rivulet, runnel.  
Riot, n. Tumult, row, uproar, brawl, braw.  
Ripen, v. Grow ripe, be matured.  
Risible, a. Laughable, ridiculous, comical.  
Rite, n. Ceremony, form, observance.  
Rival, n. Competitor, antagonist.  
Roam, v. Ramble, stroll, wander, range.  
Robust, a. Strong, athletic, brawny, stout.  
Rogue, n. Knave, villain, swindler, cheat.  
Roll, v. Vex, disturb, plague, irritate, worry.  
Roll, n. Volume, scroll, chronicle, record.  
Romantic, a. Fanciful, extravagant.  
Room, n. Space, extent, expand, scope.  
Root, n. Implant, set, fix, establish.  
Roseate, a. Rosy, ruddy, reddish, blushing.  
Rot, v. Putrefy, corrupt, decompose, decay.  
Rotund, a. Round, circular, spherical.  
Rough, a. Uneven, rugged, craggy, jagged.  
Rout, v. Defeat, confound, overthrow.  
Royal, a. Kingly, imperial, noble.  
Rubbish, n. Refuse, ruin, fragments, dirt.  
Rude, a. Rough, rugged, uneven, shapeless.  
Run, v. Run, deplore, lament, repent.  
Ruffian, n. Villain, miscreant, scoundrel.  
Rugged, a. Rough, craggy, uneven, irregular.  
Ruin, n. Destruction, discomfiture, defeat.  
Rumor, v. Report, tell, spread abroad.  
Rumpus, n. Riot, brawl, tumult, uproar.  
Rural, a. Rustic, pastoral, country.  
Ruthless, a. Merciless, pitiless, cruel.  

Sample, n. Specimen, illustration, example.  
Sanction, v. Ratify, confirm, convalidate.  
Sanctuary, n. Temple, church, refuge.  
Sanguine, a. Red, crimson, warm, ardent.  
Sarcastic, a. Severe, cutting, taunting.  
Sash, n. Girdle, band, belt, scarf.  
Satan, n. Belial, devil, the evil one.  
Satellite, n. Moon, second planet, follower.  
Satire, n. Ridicule, sarcasm, irony.  
Satisfy, v. Please, gratify, content, require.  
Saunter, v. Loiter, linger, lag, delay.  
Savage, a. Uncultivated, wild, rough.  
Savior, n. Rescuer, savior, deliverer.  
Scaffold, n. Stage, frame, scaffolding.  
Scan, v. Scrutinize, examine, investigate, sift.  
Scandal, n. Defamation, aspersion, slander.  
Scapegrace, n. Rogue, knave, scamp.  
Scarce, a. Deficient, rare, uncommon.  
Scenery, n. Landscape, prospect, view.  
Scent, n. Odor, smell, perfume, fragrance.  
Scheme, n. Plan, system, device, project.  
Scholar, n. Disciple, pupil, student, learner.  
Scholarship, n. Learning, knowledge.  
Scion, n. Sprout, shoot, twig, branch, graft.  
Scoff, v. Mock, jeer, jibe, sneer.  
Scold, v. Berate, rate, censure, blame, chide.  
Scorn, n. Contempt, disdain, derision.  
Scoundrel, n. Knave, rogue, villain, rascal.  
Seigneur, n. Leash, whip, punish, chastise.  
Scrap, n. Fragment, bit, remnant, crumb.  
Scrape, v. Difficulty, perplexity, distress.  
Screen, n. Protection, guard, defence, shield.  
Scribe, n. Writer, peaman, copist.  
Scripture, n. Writing, document, the Bible.  
Scrutinize, v. Examine, investigate, search.  
Sculplture, n. Carve, chisel, cut, engrave.  
Seal, n. Stamp, attestation, authentication.  
Seam, n. Suture, joint, fissure.  
Seaman, n. Sailor, mariner, navigator.  
Search, v. Examine, explore, investigate.  
Season, n. Time, interval, spell, term.  
Seat, n. Place, station, locate, establish.  
Secluded, a. Retired, isolated, private.  
Section, n. Division, fragment, portion.  
Secular, a. Temporal, worldly, civil.  
Secure, a. Certain, sure, safe, snug.  
Sedate, a. Calm, composed, quiet, placid.  
Seduction, n. Enticement, allurement.  
Seedy, a. Old, worn, faded, shabby.  
Seek, v. Search, try, strive, endeavor.  
Seeming, n. Show, appearance, semblance.  
Seer, n. Prophet, foreteller, predictor.  
Segment, n. Portion, section, part fraction.  
Select, n. Choose, pick, call, prefer.  
Selish, a. Liberal, mean, mercenary.  
Self-murder, n. Suicide, self-destruction.  
Self-sufficient, a. Proud, haughty, assuming.