1101 "THOU SHALT NOT" (TSN) LIST

1. Dangling prepositions – "Where do you live at?"

4. Coulda, woulda, could of, would of (use could have/would have)

5. Contractions

6. A lot/lots

7. Alright (not a word)

8. OK

9. Thing

10. You

11. "Plus" as a connector. Not "Plus, he was afraid of snakes."

Use "Moreover, he was afraid of snakes."

12. i (lower case not acceptable for personal pronoun)

13. “I, personally”

13. In my opinion (It is your paper; all analysis is your opinion)

14. etc. Use "and similar considerations" or something similar

16. Not hisself/ourself/theirself (use himself/ourselves/themselves)

17. Not “The reason why I think this is because…” (4 unnecessary words)

Use “I think this because…”

18. "each and every" This is redundant. "Each" means "every."

19. Cliches, such as "last but not least," "bottom line," "at the end of the day," "what goes around comes around"

At this point in time (or "at the present time," or "at this moment in time")

"In today’s society," "In the world today," “On this planet of ours,”

"Throughout history"

"With all due respect"

"In all reality," “in actuality”

"To begin with," “Let me begin by saying…”

"To conclude," “in conclusion”

“It is to be thought”

“Thanks in advance”

“Just sayin"

“having said that,” "being as I have…"

“We, as human beings”

“All things considered”

"Conversate"

"Irregardless"

"I have went"

"Use to" should be "used to"

"Suppose to" should be "supposed to"

Take notes on the following. Use a good grammar (e.g., Prentice Hall Reference Guide, pp. 222-232) or Purdue Owl for more.

As, as if, as though, like It's, its

Than, then Their, there, they're

To, too, two Were, we're, where

Who, whom Who's, whose

Your, you're