

Words to Watch for When Editing

These are some basic words to check before submitting a manuscript to a publisher or editor. They are common words, often overused. Also, check this editing site for free analytical reports. <http://www.prowritingaid.com/>
Substitute gender words as needed (his for her, etc.). | Consider all forms of words (i.e., laugh, laughing, laughed) as well.

! (exclamation points)	Exhale	Made	Something
About	Explain	Mode	Somewhat
Ache	Expression	Mouth	Soon
Actual	Eyes	Naked	Sort of
Against	Face	Near	Stiffened
All	Feel	Never	Still
Almost	Few	No	Stroke
Already	Finally	Now	Such
Also	Focus	Nudge	Suddenly
Am	Folded his arms	Of course	Take
Anything	Gaze	Ok vs. okay	Tap
Appear	Giggle	Only	Tender
Approximate	Glance	Opened his eyes	That
Arm(s)	Grin	Pat	Then
Bad	Guard	Perhaps	There
Beauty	Hands	Practical	They were
Beautiful	Have	Press	This
Both	He won't	Quite	Tight
Certain	He took	Rather	Touch
Chuckle	Hear	Reach	Tremble
Clear	Held out	Really	Truly
Close to	Here	Relax	Turn
Close	Hot	Remain still	Very
Closed his eyes	It is	Rub	Want
Cold	It was	Seem	What
Could	Just	Shook his head	Whisper
Down	Kind of	Shudder	Would
Element	Kiss	Sigh	You know
Even	Laugh	Simply	
Eventually	Lean	Slid	
Ever	Lick	Smile	
Exact	Like	So	
Exactly	Lips	Some	
	Look	Somehow	