

THE **Terrible 20**

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✓is	✓am	✓was	✓were
✓be	✓being	✓been	✓are
✓has	✓have	✓had	✓may
✓can	✓must	✓might	✓would
✓could	✓should	✓shall	✓with
✓do	✓even	✓just	✓almost
✓a bit	✓so	✓and	✓now
✓just	✓then		

These words add little to your writing and they force you to use the passive voice.

- Mrs. Stanton, the writer's 4th grade teacher.