

Redundant Words

During my GMAT preparation I have come across the following words, which are considered redundant in single sentence. I have compiled this list with the help of several reading materials collected from both online and offline. Your suggestions to make this document more precise are highly solicited.

1. **Also + and**

2. **Although + while**

Although and while both present contrast and using both in same sentence is redundant

3. **Although + yet**

Using "although" and "yet" in the same sentence to present the same contrast makes one of them redundant.

4. **Amount + as much as**

Redundant: ... amount X is twice as much as amount Y

Better: ... amount X is twice amount Y

5. **Attempt to + try** or **try to attempt**

Attempt means to try. 'Attempts to' is correct idiom.

6. **Because + therefore**

Redundant: Because we were tired, we therefore stopped for the night.

Better: We stopped for the night because we were tired

7. **Because + The reason**

The reason that certain spicy foods, such as the Habanero pepper, makes some people sweat is because they contain a chemical that stimulates the same nerve endings in the mouth as does a rise in temperature; this stimulation sometimes results in the activation of certain biological cooling mechanisms, one of which is perspiration.

8. **Because of + explained**

Using "because of" in the sentence with "explained" for the same purpose makes it redundant.

A phenomenon that is explained not just because of more expensive drugs but by the fact that doctors a

9. **IMO: Besides and also** are redundant in the same sentence, OG 2nd 106

10. **Both + as well as**

Only through a thorough, government-funded vaccination program can the epidemic of malaria be curbed, just like the spread of both cholera as well as the spread of typhoid was curbed.

11. **But + if : Usage of but + if is redundant**

12. **By means of**

"By" is sufficient to introduce the way. (IMO: "By means of", i.e., 'by + means of' is redundant. Only 'as a means of' or 'by' is correct.)

Foods high in tryptophan, an amino acid that is a precursor to serotonin, can help people to fall asleep by means of reducing anxiety, relaxing the brain, and in the regulation of the sleep cycle. Incorrect.

Foods high in tryptophan, an amino acid that is a precursor to serotonin, can help people to fall asleep by reducing anxiety, relaxing the brain, and regulating the sleep cycle. **Correct.**

13. Can + potentially. OG 11, verbal review Q: 19

14. **Compared to/with + more/less**

Compared to/with" is redundant in a comparison that already includes the word more/less; in such an instance, more than/less than should be used.

15. Consensus of opinion

Consensus of opinion is redundant: consensus means "general agreement."

16. Cooperate + together

17. Decline + down

18. Decrease + down

19. Despite + yet

Despite the increasing number of women graduating from law school and passing bar examinations, **yet** the proportion of judges and partners at major law firms who are women have not risen to a comparable extent.

20. **Double + Verb**

"Double" is a verb not a quantity and the following sentence has already a verb "produces".
So double is redundant.

Today, because of improvements in agricultural technology, the same amount of acreage produces double the apples that it has in 1910.

Correct version: twice as many apples as it did

Construction with "double as many apples as" or "double the apples" is incorrect here, but "double the number of apples" is appropriate. **Double the apple is ambiguous in meaning. It could also mean double the apple's size.**

21. Due to + with the result

22. End + result

23. Ever

Rarely ever and seldom ever are incorrect. Ever is redundant here.

24. Final + outcome

25. Free + gift

26. **Growth + increased**

Growth in **increased** revenue

27. **Including + those of**

*Most European countries—including **those of** Bulgaria and Romania—have joined the European Union; Norway and Switzerland, however, have steadfastly refused to do it.*

- *those* has no antecedent

- *those of* is redundant, since Bulgaria and Romania are European countries

Right: *Most European countries—including Bulgaria and Romania—have joined the European Union; Norway and Switzerland, however, have steadfastly refused to do so.*

28. **Including + among**

29. **In place + substitute**

30. May + likely to

31. Maybe + perhaps

32. More + numerical entity (five times)

"More" is already numerical!! We don't or rather can't use more and a numerical entity (five times) together. It becomes redundant to the extent of being plain wrong.

I have **more pens** than he has

I can ONLY mean I have a **greater number of pens**.

33. More + rather than

34. Now + currently

His studies of ice-polished rocks in his Alpine homeland, far outside the range of present-day glaciers, led Louis Agassiz in 1837 to propose the concept of an age in which great ice sheets had existed in **now currently** temperate areas. Incorrect

35. Past + experience

36. Past + previous

37. Provisions that provide

38. Reason + why

The reason explains same thing as why explains

39. Recommended + should

"The report **recommended** that hospital **should** eliminate unneeded beds ... "

40. Regain + again

41. Regardless vs. Irregardless

Regardless means "not withstanding." Hence, the "ir" in irregardless is redundant. Regardless is the correct form.

42. Retrospective + back

The studio's **retrospective** art exhibit refers **back** to a simpler time in American history.

43. Revert + back

44. Rise + up

45. Same exact thing

The same thing and exact thing are similar

46. Soar + up

47. Sufficient enough is redundant.

48. Sum + total

The three prices **sum** to a **total** of \$ 321.

49. Surrounded on all sides

50. Those + who

'Who', referring to **'those'** is redundant. Since we already have a pronoun (those), we do NOT need another pronoun (who) immediately next to it. **That extra pronoun is redundant (and unnecessary).**

51. Twice as much as the **increase**

"Increase" is an explicitly numerical quantity. If the noun in question is already an **explicitly numerical quantity**, then you should use **neither "much" nor "many"**. Instead, you should just use "twice" or "double" by itself.

e.g., twice the **increase** --> "increase" is an explicitly numerical quantity

52. Twice + compare to

53. Underlying + behind

Redundant: The underlying motive behind his kind words was so that he could borrow money from me.

Better: The underlying motive for his kind words was so that he could borrow money from me.

Better: The motive behind his kind words was so that he could borrow money from me.

54. Whether or not: "Or not" after "whether" is redundant.

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