

WORDS TO AVOID

IN A C1 WRITING TASK

use instead...

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PEOPLE

- Individuals, human beings, men and women
- citizens, the public
- subjects, residents, inhabitants
- THINK OF THE CONTEXT: WHAT 'PEOPLE' ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
- People in the street: passers-by
- people travelling: passengers, commuters

2

THINGS

- objects, articles, items
- belongings, possessions
- things on your mind: concerns, matters, worries, preoccupations, ideas, notions..
- things somebody said: remarks, statements, comments
- matters, affairs, circumstances, conditions

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GOOD

- satisfactory, acceptable, adequate
- fine, of high quality, of a high standard
- right, correct, proper, decorous, seemly
- appropriate, fitting, apt, suitable, convenient
- very good: excellent, superb, outstanding, magnificent, first-rate, first-class
- good person: virtuous, righteous, law-abiding

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BAD

- dreadful, awful, terrible, abominable, frightful, atrocious
- harmful, damaging, detrimental, undesirable
- unpleasant, disagreeable, unwelcome, unfortunate

Tips to improve your writing:

