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Memorandum

To: Trialists

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Re: Things I hate

Most “pre” words because of nonsense meaning; like pre board, pre heat, pre approved, pre owned, and pre enrolled

Redundant words; like “all” in “all new”; if it is new, it is all new

Relative numbers reported without a base

TV weather maps you cannot read

Weather forecasters who talk with their hands

Color data displays; for example map of the U.S. showing COVID-19 cases by county

“Feels like” temperatures; how do they know how it feels? Just give me the temperature and forget how it feels

Breaking news; everything on CNN is breaking news

Most ly words; unnecessary and add clutter, e.g., carefully observed

Telling me what I believe (“You won’t believe what I heard”); how does anybody know what I believe?

Data as singular