

Pleonasm (Tautology)

(Greek 'superfluity') Redundant use of words. It may be deliberate but is usually involuntary. A common fault in much writing. For example: 'In this day and age', instead of 'now', 'today' or 'nowadays'.

Cuddon, J. A. *Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory*. 3rd ed. London: Penguin, 1991, p. 25.

Further examples:

to repeat sth again
wet water
a tiny detail
a free gift
a new innovation