ANOTHER WORD FOR BORING

75 better words, sorted by what kind of boring you mean. Print it and stop writing “boring”.

The editor’s rule: “Boring” tells the reader how you feel. A sharper word, or a detail, shows them why. Pick the word that matches the kind of boring.

Slow / Drags On

tedious, monotonous, plodding, drawn-out, laborious, interminable, protracted

Empty / No Substance

vapid, insipid, banal, trite, hollow, shallow, lightweight

Dull / No Spark

dull, dreary, lifeless, flat, lackluster, uninspired, colorless

Predictable / Routine

humdrum, mundane, workaday, uneventful, predictable, formulaic, by-the-numbers

Causes Sleep / Numbing

soporific, mind-numbing, stupefying, narcotic, anesthetizing, deadening

Snarky / Casual

snooze-fest, yawn-inducing, painful, excruciating, watching paint dry, dry as toast

Literary / Elevated

jejune, pedestrian, prosaic, quotidian, arid, desiccated

Stale / Worn Out

stale, tired, played out, well-worn, moth-eaten, warmed-over

Mild Boredom

uninterested, indifferent, unengaged, distracted, fidgety, restless

Worn Down

weary, fatigued, jaded, burned-out, worn down, sapped

Numbed Out

apathetic, listless, lethargic, glassy-eyed, checked out, vacant

Tongue-in-Cheek

dying inside, watching grass grow, about to claw eyes out, screaming internally, contemplating life choices