



## JOURNAL EXERCISE

I took the **15th** (I chose that number at random) **word** from each journal entry in my main journals from October 7, 1997, to January 13, 1994, and compiled them in four paragraphs (1997, 1996, 1995, 1994). All the words are in chronological order; the only things I added were periods. The capitalization and emphasis were preserved, and periods were added just before capitalized words (not proper nouns) that looked like the beginnings of sentences.

### NOTES:

- Number of times "I," "me," "mine," "myself," or "my" appeared: **38** (every eighth word). Less than I expected, really. Hah hah.
- Most common words: "a," "and," "but," "got," "in," "is," "it," "no," "not," "of," "so," "that," "the," "to," "was," "with." It was interesting to note how I was disappointed when I just missed exciting words (like they were 14th or 16th) in favor of another "and" or "the." But I also was relieved when I just missed an embarrassing word in favor of a "the." This exercise actually highlighted how necessary the more boring words are.
- Both "macaroni" and "cheese" appeared in paragraph for 1995.
- "Clear" appeared three times in 1994.
- "Walgreen's" appears **all** the time in my journals. (?)
- Favorite line (the last one): **"...and is is myself I I I been list-making I."**
- This is fun to read aloud as if it made sense. You **want** it to make grammatical sense when you read it.



Much more your OFF believe. Time night behaving though McDonald's. Cab saw sick side Grandfather to dishes at and *with* endless that conductor door was is how or the know little had person my sounds tag haven't I she coupla "Nuunnnnnn-ska." SHUSH I so awful mean in-between didn't while fast. *Tales* has Mexican not there the diaries the Compton amateur for.

Mean tenant touch screwed up. Score actually annoying and not to morning last whole SAIC even a no terrified but good how I now which must of part asshole huge morning it drove and now week a can so program seeing this Hostess and I with actress looks disturbing is got completely town all exhausted sunny fever. Gawd week and salsa sort planned think it my today he concrete last and are shaken Walgreen's. Godallfuckingmighty a have got into and totally brought sick not find Communist equipped but that I regarding I at is can to stuff that badly with with not with but tell my to still.

For in got two that were took cry work my almost Sunday into in bath feels a she plugs its given all of integrated Fitzgerald had real track in email okay a default bath weird written bit I phone ribbon a have helpful was I be for pastrami it gets out are friend been for it know cheese will to more mine the an macaroni a really so I fast funny ambulance over perfectly the POINT because lunch of *jihad!* by or an loneliness sleep right a think and was really I and ready we downtown hooks back Nick person these not very think problem her as bed like size her about of which terms me ha I bowels was telling I because I this thwarted and Sunday SPOTS cannot today downtown legs will made need and very the half with odd about appropriate felt plus X my time chicken but bathroom to like.

The blondes called to since that garlic cleared junior lunch my MY her last I'm Jesus riding. It she other put clear I of was not all because ways a usually idea. Ugh four do I I co-workers at person when fashion to walked say my with way the of so come *Seventeen* my it slate day process confused your sleep relate hadn't freshman a long up that going into to night whole thought my back connection tales. Satay I January clear a balcony dream sucks driving in my almost against with to myself A&T conversations both turned why become password and share place slept receptionist child like I the romance hard very high the reaching and is is myself I I I been list-making I.

