
When you use *THIS* You probably mean, and thus *SHOULD* use *THIS*:

Feel

Think

‘Feel’ does not mean ‘think’, ‘believe’, ‘claim’, ‘hold’, or ‘maintain’, and should not be used instead of them. Examples: I **feel** tired; I **believe** in the tooth fairy; I **think** there may be another way of explaining this.

Also consult: <http://people.umass.edu/klement/160/101.html> for alternate ways to phrase your statement.

Random

Arbitrary; or: **Unclear**; or: **Not very well justified**; or etc.

‘Random’ does not mean ‘arbitrary’. Perhaps you mean to say that you are not sure what the reason is behind a claim or a position – either because it is not clear to you, or because you think it is not well reasoned. If that is the case, say so explicitly, and explain what is lacking. Saying ‘random’ does not provide an explanation.

Begs the question

Raises the question, if what you mean to say is that something leads to an obvious question. ‘Begging the question’ means assuming the conclusion, making a circular argument. (It does not mean that a question is begging to be asked; this is a mistaken, albeit common, usage).

“Scare quotes”

Seems to say; allegedly; presumably; not quite. Don’t use scare quotes to convey an ironic tone, or to distance yourself from a position you are referring to. This is insufficient for showing the weakness of a position, and is often unclear. Instead, state and explain your reservations. Use quotation marks only when quoting.

Valid

Justified, well reasoned, compelling, well founded. And if you so claim, you should also go on to explain why this is the case.
