Today we’ll look at “fact,” which is another one of those four-letter words that get you into trouble with Ms. Particular.
A “fact” is immutable and undisputed

Do not use “fact” when you mean
observation
phenomenon
finding
result
effect
value
or anything else that is subject to interpretation
and dispute
“The fact that” should be edited out of every sentence in which it occurs\(^1\)

Replace every “fact that” with
“owing to the fact that” \(\rightarrow\) because
“in spite of the fact that” \(\rightarrow\) although or despite
“unaware of the fact that” \(\rightarrow\) clueless\(^2\)

“Due to the fact that” is an egregious abuse of readers’ sensibilities—\textit{Ms. P.}


\(^2\) Colloquial, uncollegial, and to be avoided in scientific writing (you never know who’s going to be reviewing your proposals)
Also beware of “factual”

It has two meanings in English:
(1) of, or relating to facts
(2) true

My analysis might be “factual” (i.e., based on an interpretation of “facts”) but completely wrong-headed and erroneous (untrue).