

# Commonly Confusable Words

Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning
Accept (v.)	to recognize	Except (prep.)	excluding
Access (n., v.)	means of approaching; to approach	Excess (n., adj.)	extra
Addition (n.)	increase	Edition (n.)	an issue of a book or newspaper
Advice (n.)	a recommended opinion	Advise (v.)	to give advice; inform
All ready (adj.)	completely prepared	Already (adv.)	by or before a specified or implied time
All together (adj.)	in a group; in unison	Altogether (adv.)	completely or thoroughly
Allusion (n.)	a subtle reference	Illusion (n.)	a deception or misconception
A lot (n.)	many	Allot (v.)	to give or share in arbitrary amounts
Among (prep.)	used when comparing or referring to three or more people or things	Between (prep.)	used for two people or things
Amount (adj.)	used when you cannot count the items to which you are referring, and when referring to singular nouns	Number (adj.)	used when you can count the items to which you are referring, and when referring to plural nouns
Anxious (v.)	nervous	Eager (v.)	enthusiastic, or looking forward to something
Ascent (n.)	the act of climbing or rising	Assent (v.)	to agree or accept a proposal or opinion
Beside (adj.)	next to	Besides (adv.)	in addition to
Bibliography (n.)	list of writings	Biography (n.)	a life story
Bring (v.)	moving something toward the speaker (Hint: you bring to)	Take (v.)	moving something away from the speaker (Hint: you take away)
Can (helping v.)	to state ability	May (helping v.)	to state permission
Capital (n.)	money invested; a town or city where the government sits	Capitol (n.)	a government building
Choose (v.)	to select	Chose (v.)	past tense of choose
Complement (n.)	match; something that completes or make whole	Compliment (n., v.)	praise; to give praise
Continual (adj.)	taking place in close succession	Continuous (adj.)	without break or let up
Cooperation (n.)	assistance; help	Corporation (n.)	type of business organization
Crutch (n.)	walking aid	Crux (n.)	something very important
Disburse (v.)	to pay	Disperse (v.)	to spread out
Discreet (adj.)	prudently modest	Discrete (adj.)	distinct
Disinterested (adj.)	impartial; no strong opinion either way	Uninterested (adj.)	don't care
Each other (pron.)	when referring to two people or things	One another (pron.)	when referring to three or more people or things
E.g. (abb.)	an abbreviation for the Latin <i>exempli gratia</i> , meaning free example or for example	I.d. (abb.)	an abbreviation for the Latin <i>id est</i> , meaning it is or that is
Elicit (v.)	to stir up	Illicit (adj.)	illegal
Envelop (v.)	to surround; to cover completely	Envelope (n.)	flat paper container for letters or other documents

Faze (v.)	to disturb his/her composure	Phase (n.)	a stage in a process
Feel bad	used when talking about physical ailments	Feel badly	used when talking about emotional distress
Fewer	used when you can count the items	Less	used when you cannot count the items
Flack (n., v.)	press agent; to act as a press agent	Flak (n.)	criticism
Flaunt (v.)	to show it off	Flout (v.)	to show contempt for something
Forth (adv.)	forward; onward	Fourth (adj.)	next in number after the third
Gambit (n.)	a careful strategy; an opening move	Gamut (n.)	the complete range
Good (adj.)	an adjective, which describes a person, place, or thing	Well (adv.)	an adverb, which describes an action or a verb
Hear (v.)	to perceive by ear	Here (adv.)	in this or at this place
Hoard (v.)	to collect and keep	Horde (n.)	a huge crowd
Imply (v.)	to hint or suggest	Infer (v.)	to assume; to draw conclusion from evidence; to deduce
Its (pron.)	belonging to it	It's (pron.+v.)	contraction of it is
Loath (adj.)	reluctant	Loathe (v.)	to feel hatred for
Loose (adj.)	not fastened or restrained; not tight-fitting	Lose (v.)	to mislay; to fail to win; to be defeated; to be deprived of
Medal (n.)	a badge of honor	Metal (n.)	a mineral substance
Meddle (v.)	to interfere	Middle (n.)	between
Moral (n.)	a lesson or principle about good behavior	Morale (n.)	a shared enthusiasm for and dedication to a goal
More	used to compare one thing to another	Most	used to compare one thing to more than one other thing
Passed (v.)	the past tense of past	Past (adj.)	finished; gone by
Personal (adj.)	individual	Personnel (n.)	employees
Perspective (n.)	point of view	Prospective (n.)	success; future; goal
Stationary (adj.)	not moving; standing still	Stationery (n.)	writing paper
Supposably	capable of being supposed	Supposedly	believed to be the case
Taught (v.)	the past tense of teach	Taut (adj.)	tight
Than (conj., prep.)	in contrast	Then (adv.)	next
That (pron.)	a pronoun that introduces a restrictive (essential) clause	Which (pron.)	a pronoun that introduces a non-restrictive (unessential) clause
Weather (n., v.)	atmospheric condition; to last or ride out	Whether (conj.)	if it be the case; in either case (usually the cases are verbs)
Who (pron.)	substitute for he, she, or they	Whom (pron.)	substitute for him, her, or them
Your (pron.)	belonging to you	You're (pron.+ v.)	contraction for you are