



# Commonly Confused Words

<b>accept</b>	<u>verb</u> , to take, to receive: <i>I accepted the award.</i>
<b>except</b>	<u>preposition</u> , not counting: <i>Except for the damp, the house is great.</i> <u>verb</u> , to leave out: <i>Please except that package from the group.</i>
<b>advice</b>	<u>noun</u> , guidance: <i>My doctor gave me good advice.</i>
<b>advise</b>	<u>verb</u> , to recommend, to inform: <i>I often advise her on what to wear.</i>
<b>affect</b>	<u>verb</u> , to influence: <i>Conflict affects people in different ways.</i>
<b>effect</b>	<u>noun</u> , consequence: <i>It has a positive effect on job performance.</i> <u>verb</u> , to bring about, to cause to occur: <i>Success effects a sense of joy.</i>
<b>allusion</b>	indirect reference: <i>In his footnotes, Eliot explains the allusions in "The Waste Land" to readers.</i>
<b>illusion</b>	false appearance: <i>Her weight loss is an illusion</i>
<b>a lot</b>	(always 2 words) many: <i>She has a lot of energy.</i>
<b>all ready</b>	everyone prepared: <i>The students are all ready to go swimming.</i>
<b>already</b>	previously: <i>Already, the students have received an assignment.</i>
<b>all right</b>	(always two words) satisfactory, certainly: <i>It is all right to admit that you are wrong.</i>
<b>all together</b>	everyone in one place: <i>When we put our resources all together, we discovered that we had more than we needed.</i>
<b>altogether</b>	completely: <i>You have an altogether different attitude.</i>
<b>altar</b>	noun, place of worship: <i>The altar was decorated nicely.</i>
<b>alter</b>	verb, to change: <i>The new haircut altered her appearance.</i>
<b>anymore</b>	no more: <i>We don't want to buy anymore textbooks.</i>
<b>any more</b>	any longer: <i>We don't live there any more.</i>
<b>anyone</b>	any person: <i>Did anyone come?</i>
<b>any one</b>	any member of a group: <i>Any one of you would be welcome.</i>
<b>as</b>	conjunction, in the way that: <i>The tutor did not mark my assignment as I wanted.</i>
<b>like</b>	preposition, in the same way as: <i>I would prefer an A like Julie got for her assignment.</i>
<b>beside</b>	preposition, next to: <i>I walked beside him down the lane.</i>
<b>besides</b>	preposition, in addition to, except: <i>Besides the actual tutor, we were the only students that turned up at our 8am tutorial.</i> adverb, moreover, also: <i>I don't want to go to class; besides, I love the park.</i>
<b>bring</b>	to move an object toward something: <i>Bring your flatmate to the party.</i>
<b>take</b>	to move an object away from something: <i>When you leave the train, take your belongings.</i>

<b>complement</b>	<u>noun</u> , that which completes: <i>The baby had the full complement of fingers and toes.</i> <u>verb</u> , to complete: <i>The printed book complements the online tutorial.</i>
<b>compliment</b>	<u>noun</u> , expression of admiration: <i>The author paid Carol a compliment.</i> <u>verb</u> , to flatter: <i>The author complimented Carol.</i>
<b>due to</b>	resulting from: <i>The bags under my eyes are due to stress.</i>
<b>because of</b>	as the result of: <i>My grade in the class dropped because of this assignment.</i>
<b>farther</b>	at a greater distance: <i>Ken's rescue team traveled farther than my team did to help the victims.</i>
<b>further</b>	to a greater degree: <i>Ken explained that further travel was necessary to reach those in need of help.</i>
<b>imply</b>	to suggest indirectly: <i>I don't mean to imply that you are wrong.</i>
<b>infer</b>	to draw a conclusion: <i>You may have inferred from what I said that I love you.</i>
<b>persecute</b>	to harass: <i>He felt persecuted by her attentions.</i>
<b>prosecute</b>	to bring to trial: <i>She was prosecuted for grand larceny.</i>
<b>precede</b>	to come before: <i>She preceded me into the house.</i>
<b>proceed</b>	to go forward, to continue: <i>Please proceed carefully into the room.</i>
<b>principal</b>	<u>noun</u> , chief person, capital sum: <i>We may earn no interest, but we won't lose the principal.</i> <u>adjective</u> , most important: <i>The book's principal effect was to change my viewpoint on the subject.</i>
<b>principle</b>	<u>noun</u> , rule, fundamental law: <i>Tornadoes are based upon physical principles.</i>
<b>respectfully</b>	with respect: <i>We behave respectfully around him.</i>
<b>respectively</b>	in the order named: <i>We saw Kurt, Marian, and Diane, respectively, enter the building.</i>
<b>some time</b>	<u>adjective &amp; noun</u> , span of time: <i>We have some time before the test begins.</i>
<b>sometime</b>	<u>adverb</u> , at an unspecified time: <i>I will probably feel nervous about it sometime soon.</i>
<b>sometimes</b>	<u>adverb</u> , now and then, occasionally: <i>Sometimes I'm funny that way.</i>
<b>stationary</b>	<u>adjective</u> , not moving: <i>When the wind died, the boat was stationary.</i>
<b>stationery</b>	<u>noun</u> , letter paper: <i>The woman wrote on her stationery to her friend.</i>
<b>than</b>	<u>conjunction</u> , used in comparisons; <i>Cycling was easier than walking</i>
<b>then</b>	<u>adverb</u> , at that time, besides: <i>Then I fell off my bike.</i>
<b>your</b>	<u>pronoun</u> : belonging to you: <i>Your cleverness amazes me.</i>
<b>you're</b>	contraction for you are: <i>You're a clever person.</i>