

Commonly Confused Words

- **Advice:** recommendation (noun)
- **Advise:** to recommend (verb)
- **Aisle:** space between rows
- **Isle:** an island
- **Allusion:** indirect reference (noun)
- **Illusion:** false idea, misleading appearance
- **Already:** by this time
- **All Ready:** fully prepared
- **Altar:** sacred platform or place
- **Alter:** to change
- **Altogether:** thoroughly
- **All Together:** everyone/thing in one place
- **A Lot:** a quantity; many of something
- **Allot:** to divide or portion out
- **Alot:** not a word!
- **Angel:** Heavenly being
- **Angle:** shape made by joining 2 straight lines
- **Are:** plural form of “to be”
- **Our:** plural form of “my”
- **Assistance:** help
- **Assistants:** helpers
- **Bear:** an animal; to carry
- **Bare:** unadorned; naked
- **Breath:** air taken in (noun)
- **Breathe:** to take in air (verb)
- **Brake:** device for stopping
- **Break:** destroy; make into pieces
- **Buy:** to purchase
- **By:** next to; through the agency of
- **Capital:** major city, uppercase letter
- **Capitol:** government building
- **Choose:** to pick
- **Chose:** past tense of “to choose”
- **Clothes:** garments
- **Cloths:** pieces of fabric
- **Council:** governing body
- **Counsel:** advice, to give advise
- **Dessert:** a yummy treat
- **Desert:** to abandon; dry area
- **Die:** to lose life; one of a pair of dice
- **Dye:** to change or add color
- **Gorilla:** animal in ape family
- **Guerrilla:** soldier specialized in surprise attacks
- **Heard:** past tense of “to hear”
- **Herd:** group of animals
- **Hole:** opening
- **Whole:** complete; an entire thing
- **Its:** possessive of “it”
- **It’s:** contraction for “it is”

- **Knew:** past tense of “to know”
- **New:** fresh, not yet old
- **Know:** to comprehend
- **No:** negative
- **Later:** after a time
- **Latter:** second one of two things
- **Lead:** heavy metal substance; to guide
- **Led:** past tense of “to lead”
- **Passed:** past tense of “to pass”
- **Past:** at a previous time
- **Peace:** absence of war
- **Piece:** part of a whole; musical arrangement
- **Pedal:** the foot lever of a bicycle
- **Petal:** a flower segment
- **Peddle:** to sell
- **Pen:** a writing utensil; a cage
- **Pin:** a needle used for fastening
- **Personal:** intimate; owned by a person
- **Personnel:** employees
- **Plain:** simple, unadorned; flat land
- **Plane:** To shave wood; aircraft; a flat surface (math)
- **Principal:** foremost (adj.); school administrator (noun)
- **Principle:** basic truth
- **Quiet:** silent, calm
- **Quite:** very
- **Respectfully:** with respect/honor
- **Respectively:** in that order
- **Right:** correct; opposite of left
- **Rite:** ritual or ceremony
- **Write:** to put words on paper
- **Sense:** perception, understanding
- **Since:** measurement of past time; because
- **Than:** besides (comparison)
- **Then:** at that time; next
- **Through:** finished; into and out of
- **Threw:** past tense of “to throw”
- **Thorough:** complete
- **To:** toward
- **Too:** also; very
- **Two:** number following one
- **Waist:** midsection of the body
- **Waste:** discarded material; to squander
- **Weak:** not strong
- **Week:** seven days
- **Weather:** climatic condition
- **Whether:** if
- **Where:** in which place
- **Were:** past tense of “to be”
- **Whose:** possessive for “of who”
- **Who’s:** contraction for “who is”