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Spelling, Vocabulary, and Confusing Words

Because many words in English sound or look alike, frequently causing confusion, this list will be very helpful.

a vs. an

Rule. Use *a* when the first letter of the word following has the sound of a consonant. Keep in mind that some vowels sound like consonants when they're sounded out as individual letters.

Examples:

- *a finger*
- *a hotel*
- *a U-turn* (pronounced You-turn)
- *a HUD program*
- *a NASA study*

Rule. Use *an* when the first letter of the word following has the sound of a vowel. Remember that some consonants sound like vowels when they're spoken as individual

	<p>letters. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>an FBI case</i> (<i>F</i> is pronounced <i>ef</i> here) • <i>an honor</i> (<i>H</i> is silent here) • <i>an unusual idea</i> • <i>an HMO plan</i> (<i>H</i> is pronounced <i>aitch</i> here) • <i>an NAACP convention</i> (<i>N</i> is pronounced <i>en</i> here) <p>Deciding whether to use <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> before abbreviations can be tricky. The abbreviation for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) causes confusion because it can be pronounced as a word (<i>fak</i>), or one letter at a time (<i>F-A-Q</i>). Using the guidelines above, one would say <i>a FAQ</i> when it is pronounced as one word, and <i>an FAQ</i> when it is pronounced one letter at a time.</p>
<p>accept except</p>	<p>to agree; to receive but, with the exception that</p>

ad add	advertisement to perform addition
ades aides AIDS aids	fruit drinks people who help; assistants acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome helps, assists
adverse averse	unfortunate; strongly opposed (refers to things, not people) <i>Examples: an adverse reaction to the medication adverse weather conditions</i> having repugnance (refers to people) <i>Example: He is averse to a military draft.</i>
advice (noun) advise (verb)	recommendation the act of giving a recommendation
affect vs. effect	Rule 1. Use <i>effect</i> when you mean <i>bring about</i> or <i>brought about</i>, <i>cause</i> or <i>caused</i>. <i>Example: He effected a commotion in the crowd.</i> <i>Meaning: He caused a</i>

commotion in the crowd.

Rule 2. Use *effect* when you mean *result*.

Example: What effect did that speech have?

Rule 3. Also use *effect* whenever any of these words precede it: *a, an, any, the, take, into, no*. These words may be separated from *effect* by an adjective.

Examples: That book had a long-lasting effect on my thinking.

Has the medicine produced any noticeable effects?

Rule 4. Use the verb *affect* when you mean *to influence* rather than *to cause*.

Example: How do the budget cuts affect your staffing?

Rule 5. *Affect* is used as a noun to mean *emotional expression*.

Example: She showed little affect when told she had won the lottery.

ail ale	to be ill; to cause pain or distress malt beverage more bitter than beer
air err heir	what we breathe make a mistake one who inherits something
aisle I'll isle	passageway contraction for <i>I will</i> a small island
all awl	entire, everything a tool
allot a lot	to parcel out always two words meaning <i>many</i>
allowed aloud	gave permission to said out loud; spoken
all ready already	means <i>all are ready</i> <i>Example: We are all ready to go.</i> refers to time <i>Example: Is it summer already?</i>
all together altogether	refers to a group; all of us or all of them together <i>Example: It is wonderful to be all together to celebrate your birthday.</i> entirely

	Example: It is not altogether his fault.
altar alter	pedestal, usually religious Example: They exchanged wedding vows at the altar of the church. to modify Example: Please don't alter your plans until we have the final schedule approved.
allude elude illude	to refer indirectly Example: He alluded to his past as a spy. avoid capture Example: The fugitive eluded the police for a month. mislead Example: He illuded her about his age.
allusion illusion	an indirect mention of something false perception
ambiguous ambivalent	to have more than one meaning Example: The law was ambiguous. to have mixed feelings Example: She is ambivalent about her wedding dress.

amicable amiable	friendly (refers to things, not people) friendly (refers to people) <i>Example: The amiable couple had an amicable divorce.</i>
among between	involves three or more <i>Example: Who among us has not lied?</i> involves just two <i>Example: She couldn't decide between Chinese and Thai food.</i>
amount number	used for things not countable <i>Example: We couldn't handle that amount of ill will.</i> used for things that can be counted <i>Example: The number of accidents increased by ten percent.</i>
ant aunt	a bug the sister of a parent
ante auntie	a bet placed before playing affectionate term for a parent's sister
anxious	to have anxiety or worry <i>Example: She is anxious</i>

eager	<i>about taking the test.</i> excited <i>Example: She is eager to get a puppy.</i>
any more anymore	something additional or further <i>Example: It didn't rain any more this year than last year.</i> any longer, nowadays <i>Example: Harry doesn't travel anymore.</i>
appraise apprise	to put a value on something to notify
arc ark	arch, crescent, half moon a vessel or a refuge
ascent (noun) assent (noun or verb) consent	movement upward enthusiastic agreement; to agree agreement
assistance (noun) assistants (noun)	help people who help
assumption presumption	an idea not based on evidence an idea based on evidence
assure	to promise or say with

ensure insure	confidence to make sure something will/won't happen to issue an insurance policy
ate eight	past tense of <i>eat</i> the number after <i>seven</i>
aural oral	having to do with hearing having to do with the mouth
averse	(see <i>adverse</i>)
awed odd	in a state of amazement unusual; opposite of <i>even</i> when referring to numbers
aye eye I	yes organ one sees with pronoun
bald bawled	having no hair cried
ball bawl	a sphere to cry or wail loudly
band banned	a group, sometimes a group of musicians forbidden
bare bear	naked, unconcealed, plain the animal
base	the bottom; vulgar;

bass	headquarters (singular) low vocal or instrumental range (pronounced like <i>lace</i>); a type of fish (pronounced like <i>lass</i>)
based baste	be dependent or supported to moisten; to criticize or lash out at
bases (noun, verb) basis (noun)	headquarters (plural of <i>base</i>); builds on foundation; belief
be bee	to exist or live insect
beach beech	sandy area with water type of tree with smooth, gray bark
beat beet	to strike violently; to flutter or flap; to pound as with a drum; to defeat; to stir vigorously a plant with a fleshy red or white root
beau bough (noun) bow (noun) bow (noun, verb)	boyfriend (pronounced like <i>owe</i>) branch of a tree (pronounced like <i>cow</i>) part of a set with arrows (pronounced like <i>owe</i>) boat front, a male's form

	of curtsy, bending at the waist; comply (pronounced like cow)
because vs. since	<p>Rule. <i>Because</i> and <i>since</i> can be used almost interchangeably although <i>because</i> always indicates cause and effect and <i>since</i> is used for a relationship or time.</p> <p>Example: <i>Since I have some extra money, I will buy shoes.</i> (not cause and effect)</p> <p>Example: <i>I will go to the game because my daughter is on the team.</i> (cause and effect)</p> <p>Example: <i>I have wanted to talk to you since yesterday.</i> (time)</p>
been bin	form of <i>be</i> used with <i>has</i> or <i>have</i> container
bell belle	chime or alarm; a signal beautiful or charming woman
berth birth	a boat dock; bedroom or bed being born; beginning
better	of higher quality

bettor	someone who places bets
between	(see <i>among</i>)
biannual biennial semiannual	twice a year every two years twice a year (same as <i>biannual</i>)
bite byte	to use one's teeth to tear food computer term for eight bits of information
billed build	charged a fee construct
blew blue	past tense of <i>blow</i> the color
bloc block	a group united for a particular purpose city street; a cube-shaped object
boar bore	male pig someone or something not interesting
board bored	piece of wood; a group of people uninterested
boarder border	someone who pays for room and food perimeter; boundary
bode	predict

bowed	bent (pronounced like owed)
bold bowled	daring to have gone bowling; knocked over
bolder boulder	more daring a large rock
boos booze	sounds made by disapproving audience alcohol
bough	(see <i>beau</i>)
bow	(see <i>beau</i>)
boy buoy	male child a naval beacon or marker
brake break	stop separate into pieces
bread bred	a food; slang for <i>money</i> past tense of <i>breed</i>; raised
brewed brood (verb, noun)	fermented mull over; a cluster or family
brews bruise	ferments a black-and-blue mark, contusion
bridal bridle	relating to brides a harness, usually for a

	horse
bring take	you bring something towards you take something away
broach brooch	to raise a topic a bauble; a piece of jewelry
brows browse	the hairs in the arch above the eyes search for, peruse
but butt (noun/verb)	except bottom; joke object; to ram
buy by bye	purchase, acquire near, next to short for <i>goodbye</i>
cache cash	hidden stash money
calendar colander	chart of days and months sieve to drain off liquids
can may	able to permission to
cannon canon	large, mounted gun rule, commandment
canvas canvass	awning cloth, tarp to poll; a poll
capital	assets; essential; main

capitol	city statehouse
carat caret carrot karat	unit of weight in gemstones a proofreading mark to show insertion (^) edible root a unit for measuring the fineness of gold
cast (noun, verb) caste	group of actors; to throw a social class, a rigid system of social distinctions
cay key quay	a small, low island (also spelled <i>key</i>) a small, low island; instrument for opening locks (pronounced <i>key</i>) wharf, dock, pier
cede seed	to surrender reproductive germ
cell sell	prison room; basic structural unit of an organism to exchange for money
censor (verb, noun) censure	disallow; person who disallows <i>Example: The soldier's letters were censored</i>

sensor	<i>before mailing.</i> to disapprove of; criticize strongly <i>Example: The children were censured by the principal.</i> a device that measures heat, light, etc. and transmits a signal to a control or measuring instrument
cent scent sent	a penny a smell, aroma transmitted
cereal serial	breakfast food a series or array
chance chants	accident(al) chorus, melody
chased chaste	went after pure, virginal
chews choose	how one eats food with teeth to pick
childish childlike	immature innocent
Chile chili chilly	a country in South America a type of pepper; a dish with peppers in it cold, brisk

<p>choral coral chorale corral</p>	<p>a cappella, singing without instruments material that makes up reefs; orange color a hymn, a choir horse pen</p>
<p>chord cord cored</p>	<p>three or more musical tones sounded simultaneously; line segment joining two points on a curve a rope or strand of flexible material removed the center of something</p>
<p>chute shoot (verb, noun)</p>	<p>an inclined shaft to discharge from a weapon; a stem</p>
<p>cite sight site</p>	<p>to assert; to quote from; to subpoena vision, the power to see a location or position</p>
<p>classic classical</p>	<p>important; fundamental having to do with Greek or Roman antiquity; pertaining to eighteenth- to nineteenth-century music</p>
<p>clause claws</p>	<p>in grammar, a group of words containing a subject and verb; part of a</p>

	contract an animal's nails
click clique	a sound a group
climactic climatic	having to do with the climax having to do with the climate
close (verb, adjective) clothes	to shut (pronounced like <i>rose</i>); nearby (pronounced like <i>dose</i>) apparel
coarse course	rough, lacking in fineness of texture; crude a class; a path
colander	(see <i>calendar</i>)
colonel kernel	an officer in the military a seed
complement compliment	completing part of an order praise
confidant confident	someone confided in certain, sure
connote denote	to suggest, imply <i>Example: A growling dog connotes danger.</i> to be a sign of <i>Example: Certain clouds</i>

	<i>denote rain on the way.</i>
consent	<i>(see assent)</i>
continual continuous	repeated but with breaks in between; chronic <i>Example: The continual problem of our car not starting forced us to sell it.</i> without interruption in an unbroken stream of time or space <i>Example: The continuous dripping of the faucet drove me crazy.</i>
core corps corpse	center or crucial part trained group dead body
cosign cosine	to sign along with a trigonometry term
council counsel (verb, noun)	a group of people meeting for a purpose advise; advice, an attorney
creak creek	a sound a stream
crews cruise	many groups a trip or vacation by sea
criteria criterion	plural of <i>criterion</i> a standard for evaluating

	or testing something
cue	a hint; a stimulus
queue	a line of people waiting
currant	type of small berry
current	up to date
curser	someone who swears or wishes misfortune on another
cursor	a blinking symbol indicating position on a computer screen

dam	a barrier obstructing the flow of liquid
damn	a swear word or curse
dammed	blocked from flowing
damned	doomed
days	twenty-four-hour periods of time
daze	to stun or overwhelm
dear	affectionate term
deer	the animal
denote	(see <i>connote</i>)
desert (noun,	a desolate area; to

verb) dessert	abandon extra <i>s</i> for sugary treat
desperate disparate	lost all hope, in despair entirely dissimilar
device (noun) devise (verb)	an invention to invent
dew do due	condensation in the morning to take action owed by a certain date
die dye	to cease to live; the singular of <i>dice</i> to stain or color using an agent
different from vs. different than vs. differently than	Rule. Use <i>different from</i> not <i>different than</i> . <i>Example: The weather was different from what we expected.</i> You may use <i>differently than</i> when a clause precedes and follows the expression. <i>Example: He works differently than she does.</i>
discreet discrete	careful, confidential individual, distinct
discussed disgust	talked over repulsion
does	female deer (plural)

does	(pronounced like <i>hose</i>) a form of <i>to do</i> (pronounced like <i>fuzz</i>)
doughs doze	unbaked loaves of bread to sleep
dual duel	two-fold fight
eager	(see <i>anxious</i>)
effect	(see <i>affect</i>)
e.g. i.e.	for example <i>Example: My living expenses have increased, e.g., rent, food, and utilities.</i> that is, in other words <i>Example: My living expenses have drained my finances, i.e., I have less money in the bank at the end of every month.</i>
eight	(see <i>ate</i>)
elicit illicit	evoke, extract, draw out illegal
elude	(see <i>allude</i>)
elusive illusive	difficult to describe, evasive <i>Example: The point of the novel is elusive to me.</i> plausible or possible; deceptive

	<p>Example: She had the illusive dream of finding happiness by traveling. (plausible, possible)</p> <p>Example: She had an illusive idea that she was qualified for the job. (deceptive, delusional)</p>
<p>emigrate immigrate</p>	<p>to exit one country in order to live in another country to enter a new country to live</p>
<p>empathy sympathy</p>	<p>to understand another's feelings to feel compassion or sadness for another</p>
<p>ensure</p>	<p>(see assure)</p>
<p>epic epoch</p>	<p>saga a period of time, an age</p>
<p>err</p>	<p>(see air)</p>
<p>every day everyday</p>	<p>each day Example: I learn something new every day. ordinary Example: These are my everyday clothes.</p>
<p>except</p>	<p>(see accept)</p>
<p>eye</p>	<p>(see aye)</p>
<p>facts</p>	<p>objective data</p>

fax	short for <i>facsimile</i>; technology that sends images by phone
faint feint	to go unconscious pretense
fair (adjective, noun) fare	impartial; an exhibition payment or expense for travel
fairy ferry	imaginary being possessing magical powers type of boat
farther further	refers to physical distance only <i>Example: We had to walk farther than the map indicated.</i> refers to physical distance like <i>farther</i>; moreover; in addition; to a greater extent <i>Examples: We need to discuss this further.</i> <i>Nothing could be further from the truth.</i> <i>We had to walk further.</i>
faux foe	fake, imitation enemy, opponent
faze phase	to perturb or fluster a period or situation

feat feet	an extraordinary act or accomplishment twelve-inch increments; appendages at end of legs
feted fetid	celebrated, honored noxious, gross
fewer less under	refers to a number that can be counted <i>Example: Fewer days off.</i> refers to an uncountable amount <i>Example: Less rain, less fear.</i> used for direction <i>Example: Under the mattress, not under \$100.</i>
find fined	discover penalized
fir fur	type of tree hairy coat of an animal
flair flare	style erupt
flea flee	insect to run away
flew flu flue	past tense of <i>fly</i>, to have moved through the air with wings a virus part of a chimney
floe flow	sheet of floating ice pour, proceed, spew

flour flower	grain the bloom of a plant
for fore four	preposition ahead the number after <i>three</i>
forego forgo	to go in front of, precede to do without
foreword forward	introduction to a book written by someone other than the author opposite of <i>backward</i>
fort forte	a military fortification someone's strong point, talent
forth fourth	forward number after <i>third</i>
foul fowl	offensive, disgusting certain birds
frees freeze frieze	releases to make cold a decorative band on the wall
further	(see <i>farther</i>)
gait gate	a manner of walking or stepping, stride <i>Examples: trotting,</i> <i>galloping, limping</i> barrier
gilt guilt	gold-covered blame

gone went	used with <i>has</i> or <i>have</i> <i>Examples: Ella has gone to the store.</i> <i>Barry and Ella have gone to the beach.</i> past tense of <i>go</i> <i>Examples: Ella went to the store.</i> <i>Barry and Ella went to the beach.</i>
gored gourd	stabbed with a horn or tusk hard-shelled fruit
gorilla guerrilla	largest of the apes soldier using surprise raids; irregular tactics
graft graphed	attach; acquisition of money dishonestly diagrammed
grate great	a cover or partition of parallel or crossed bars excellent
grill grille	method of cooking; barbecuing an openwork barrier for a gate
groan grown	a low, mournful sound of pain or grief to have increased in size
guessed guest	conjectured, offered an opinion

	company, honoree
guise guys	appearance or assumed appearance men
hair hare	what grows on one's head and body rabbit
hall haul	passageway or large room to pull, drag, or lower
halve have	divide into two to possess
hangar hanger	shed or shelter for housing airplanes something to hang a garment on in the closet
haut/haute hoe	high-class, fancy as in haute couture (pronounced <i>oh</i> or <i>oht</i>) flat-bladed gardening tool
have vs. of	<i>should've, could've, and would've</i> are contractions for <i>should have, could have, and would have</i>. No such wording as <i>should of, could of, would of</i>
hay hey	dried grass interjection used to call attention
heal heel	to alleviate or cure back part of the foot;

	scoundrel
healthful healthy	something that promotes health <i>Example: Organic food is thought to be healthful.</i> to have good health
hear here	to listen; to give an official hearing in this spot
heard herd	listened a flock of animals
heir	(see <i>air</i>)
heroin heroine	a narcotic derived from morphine female admired for courage or ability
hi high	a greeting, informal for <i>hello</i> elevated
higher hire	more elevated to pay for services
him hymn	pronoun referring to male person or animal song in praise of religious deity
hoard horde	stockpile, amass a large group, crowd
hoarse horse	cracked voice animal

hoes hose	flat-bladed gardening tools a flexible tube for conveying liquid
hole whole	an opening entire, complete
holy wholly	religious entirely, completely
hostel hostile	boarding house or inexpensive lodging antagonistic
hour our	sixty minutes possessive pronoun
I	(see <i>aye</i>)
idle idol idyll or idyl	not active; unemployed someone admired interlude, breathing space; romance, fairy tale
i.e.	(see <i>e.g.</i>)
I'll	(see <i>aisle</i>)
illicit	(see <i>elicit</i>)
illude	(see <i>allude</i>)
illusion	(see <i>allusion</i>)
illusive	(see <i>elusive</i>)
immigrate	(see <i>emigrate</i>)
imply infer	to indicate without being explicit to conclude from evidence

in inn	preposition; inside small hotel
inc. ink	abbreviation for <i>incorporated</i> fluid in pens
incite insight	to prompt to action understanding, comprehension
incredible incredulous	astonishing <i>Example: Her gymnastic</i> <i>moves were incredible.</i> skeptical <i>Example: Citizens are</i> <i>incredulous about the</i> <i>reason for the increase in</i> <i>the price of gas.</i>
ingenious ingenuous	clever naive or simple
innocence innocents	to be without guilt people who are without guilt
insure	(see <i>assure</i>)
irregardless regardless	no such word exists in spite of, without regard
isle	(see <i>aisle</i>)
it's its	contraction for <i>it is</i> or <i>it</i> <i>has</i> <i>Example: It's for a good</i> <i>cause.</i> possessive pronoun

	<i>Example: The cat hurt its paw.</i>
jewel joule	gem in physics, a unit of work or energy
karat	(see <i>carat</i>)
kernel	(see <i>colonel</i>)
key	(see <i>cay</i>)
knead kneel need	work with bread dough hit with one's knee to require
knew new	past tense of <i>know</i>, to have understood opposite of <i>old</i>
knight night	a soldier in the Middle Ages period between sunset and sunrise
knot not	interlacing of cord or rope used to express negation
know no	understand, comprehend a negative to express dissent
knows nose	understands part of the body one smells with

lacks lax	is deficient in slack, easy-going																
ladder latter	the thing with rungs that you climb the second of two <i>Example: If given a choice between vanilla and chocolate ice cream, I'll take the latter.</i>																
lain lane	past participle of <i>lie</i> as in <i>lie down</i> narrow road or passage																
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	<p>2:00 p.m. <i>I am lying down for a nap today.</i> <i>The hens lay eggs.</i> <i>The hen is laying eggs.</i> <i>I am tempted to lie about my age.</i> <i>I am not lying about my age.</i></p> <p>Examples in the Past Tense: <i>I lay down for a nap yesterday at 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>The hen laid two eggs yesterday.</i> <i>He lied on the witness stand.</i></p> <p>Examples with a Participle (has, have): <i>I have lain down for a nap every day this week.</i> <i>The hen has laid two eggs every day this week.</i> <i>He has lied each day on the witness stand.</i></p>
<p>lead led</p>	<p>a metal element (pronounced like red); present tense of <i>led</i> (pronounced like seed) guided, past tense of <i>to lead</i></p>
<p>leak leek</p>	<p>unintended discharge of liquid or gas type of onion</p>
<p>lean (adjective, verb) lien</p>	<p>not fatty; to incline a claim on property to secure debt payment</p>
<p>leased least</p>	<p>rented smallest in size or amount</p>

less	(see fewer)
lessen	to make less
lesson	a unit to be learned or studied
lie	a falsehood; present tense of <i>lie</i>
lye	<i>down</i> (see <i>lay vs. lie</i> chart above) a caustic substance
lightening	to make lighter
lightning	a brilliant electric spark in the sky
loan	something lent for temporary use
lone	only, solitary
loose	opposite of <i>tight</i>
lose	opposite of <i>win</i>; misplace
Mach	ratio with the speed of sound: Mach 1 = the speed of sound
mock (adjective, verb)	Mach 2 = twice the speed of sound artificial; ridicule
made	created
maid	cleaning lady
mail	correspondence
male	masculine; opposite of <i>female</i>
main	primary, chief, leading
mane	long hair on the back of a horse or lion
maize	corn
maze	labyrinth
mall	plaza, focal point
maul	abuse, claw
manner	behavior
manor	palatial residence
marquee	canopy, shelter; projection over a
marquis	theater entrance aristocrat, nobleman

marry	to wed
merry	cheerful
marshal (verb, noun)	assemble; a judge
martial	militant, aggressive
may	(see can)
meat	animal flesh used for food
meet (verb, noun)	to connect, touch; an event
mete	administer, allot
medal	decoration, badge
meddle	to interfere unwantedly
metal	earth element
mettle	boldness
mind (noun, verb)	intelligence; obey
mined	excavated to extract ores
miner	one who excavates to extract ores
minor (noun, adjective)	someone under legal age; small
missed	failed to hit
mist	fog, fine spray
moan	lament; sound of suffering
mown	cut grass
mode	method, manner
mowed	to have cut grass
mood	an emotional state
moored	the sound a cow made
moose	an animal

mousse	type of dessert
morning	start of the day, between night
mourning	and afternoon sorrow over someone's death
muscle	fibrous tissue
mussel	edible marine bivalve
mustard	yellow condiment
mustered	assembled, gathered
naval	pertaining to ships
navel	belly button, umbilicus
need	(see knead)
new	(see knew)
night	(see knight)
no	(see know)
none	not one, not any
nun	female member of a religious order
nose	(see knows)
not	(see knot)
number	(see amount)
oar	a blade for rowing
or	conjunction
ore	metal-bearing mineral or rock
odd	(see awed)
of	(see have)
on to vs. onto	Use <i>onto</i> if you can add <i>up</i> before <i>on</i>. <i>Examples: He climbed (up) onto the roof.</i> <i>She held on to her child in the crowd.</i>
one	single unit

won	past tense of <i>win</i>
oral	(see <i>aural</i>)
ordinance	a law
ordnance	military weapons and ammunition
our	(see <i>hour</i>)
overdo	to do to excess
overdue	past due
packed	past tense of <i>pack</i>
pact	an agreement or treaty
pail	bucket
pale	lacking color
pain	physical or emotional suffering
pane	a plate of glass or panel
pair	two of something
pare	to remove or peel
pear	type of fruit
palate	roof of the mouth; taste
pallet	a low, portable platform
palette	a range of colors; a board to hold and mix colors
passed	past tense of <i>pass</i>
past	the time before the present
patience	willingness to wait
patients	people under medical care
pause	a temporary stop
paws	animal feet
peace	calm
piece	a portion of something
peak	top of a mountain
peek	glance furtively
pique	to wound someone's pride or to excite interest
pealed	rang bells

peeled	removed a layer
pedal	foot-operated lever
peddle	to sell, hawk, or dispense
peer	person who is an equal
pier	a structure extending out over water
perpetrate	to commit, as in a crime
perpetuate	to prolong or sustain <i>Example: The myth that the sun revolved around the earth was perpetuated for centuries.</i>
phase	(see faze)
pi	3.1416, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter
pie	baked food filled with fruit or meat
pistil	female organ of a flower
pistol	type of gun
plain (adjective, noun)	not fancy; evident; simple; treeless area of land
plane	a flat or level surface; short for <i>airplane</i>
pleas	cries for help; appeals
please	a polite word; to satisfy
plum	a type of fruit
plumb	perpendicular
pole	a long, cylindrical piece of wood or metal
poll	a collection of opinions; survey
pore	small hole
pour	to send liquid flowing
praise	express approval

prays	makes requests to God
preys	hunts for food; victimizes
precedence	priority
precedent	examples, criteria
s	chief executives
presidents	
presence	appearance, being present
presents	gifts; offers
(noun, verb)	
presumption	(see <i>assumption</i>)
pries	looks closely; wedges open
prize	award or reward
principal	head of school; chief; of first importance
(noun, adjective)	
principle	fundamental belief
profit	gain
prophet	predictor, seer
pros	professionals, experts
prose	literature
quarts	units of liquid measure (four quarts to a gallon)
quartz	a mineral
quay	(see <i>cay</i>)
queue	(see <i>cue</i>)
rain	water that falls in drops from the sky
reign	rule, administration
rein	bit, harness
raise	lift up

raze	flatten, tear down completely
rap (noun, verb)	a type of music; to strike sharply
wrap	to enclose in a covering
rapped	struck sharply
rapt	fascinated
wrapped	enclosed in a covering
read	present and past tenses of <i>to comprehend writing</i>
red	a color
real	actual, authentic
reel	stumble, falter
recede	to move back, withdraw
reseed	to seed again
reek	to smell bad
wreak	to cause trouble <i>wreak havoc</i>
regardless	(see <i>irregardless</i>)
rest	relax
wrest	take from
retch	vomit
wretch	lowly being, scoundrel
review	survey
revue	a satirical show
right	correct; opposite of <i>left</i>
rite	ritual, ceremony
write	to compose letters or words
ring	sound of a bell; jewelry worn
wring	around a finger to twist
road	street, path, highway
rode	past tense of <i>ride</i>
rowed	past tense of <i>row</i>
roe	fish eggs

row	aisle (pronounced like <i>oh</i>); propel with an oar (pronounced like <i>oh</i>); fight (pronounced like <i>wow</i>)
role roll (noun, verb)	part in a play or film a bun; to rotate
roomer rumor	one who rents a room innuendo, gossip
root rout route	base of a plant defeat (pronounced <i>rowt</i>) path (pronounced like <i>root</i> or <i>rowt</i>)
rot wrought	decay, decompose accomplished
rote wrote	by memory, formula past tense of <i>write</i>
rude rued	impolite, unmannerly regretted, repented
rye wry	seed from a grain mocking, ironic, droll

sacks sax	large bags saxophone
saver savor	one who saves to appreciate a taste
scene seen	a view, a setting to have viewed with eyes
scent	(see <i>cent</i>)

sea see	a body of salt water to view with eyes
seam seem	line formed by pieces of fabric sewn together appear
sear seer sere	scorch, burn, or char one who sees (as in the future) withered, dry
seas sees seize	bodies of salt water views with eyes to grab hold of
seed	(see <i>cede</i>)
sell	(see <i>cell</i>)
semiannual	(see <i>biannual</i>)
sensor	(see <i>ensor</i>)
sent	(see <i>cent</i>)
serf surf (noun, verb)	slave breaking waves; to ride a surfboard
serial	(see <i>cereal</i>)
set sit	one sets a thing <i>Example: Please set the table.</i> one sits oneself <i>Example: Please sit down at</i> <i>the table.</i>
sew	to stitch

so sow	in the manner indicated to scatter or plant seed
sewer suer	a conduit for carrying off waste one who sues
shear sheer	to cut transparent
shoe shoo	foot attire interjection used to scare away an animal
shoot	(see <i>chute</i>)
sic sick	a Latin term used to indicate that something written is intentionally left in the original form, which may be incorrect. <i>Example: She wrote, "They</i> <i>made there [sic] beds."</i> ill
sics six	attacks a number
sight	(see <i>cite</i>)
sign sine	an indication a trigonometry term
since	see <i>because</i>
sink synch or sync	to submerge; to descend to a lower level; where you wash dirty clothes to synchronize, to coincide or

	match up
site	(see cite)
slay sleigh	kill snow vehicle, sled
sleight slight	cunning, skill slender, of little substance
slew slough	past tense of <i>slay</i> swamp (pronounced <i>slew</i> or <i>slau</i>)
soar sore	to fly at great height in pain
soared sword	flew at great height a bladed weapon
sole soul	bottom of foot; lone the spiritual part of humans
some sum	a certain unspecified number the total from adding numbers
son sun	male offspring star that is the central body of the solar system
sonny sunny	diminutive of <i>son</i> lit or warmed by the sun; cheerful
spade spayed	digging tool to have removed the ovaries of an animal
staid	solemn, serious

stayed	remained, waited
stair stare	step to look without blinking
stake steak	a pole cut of meat
stationary stationery	in one place writing paper
steal steel (noun, adjective)	rob iron alloy; determined
step (verb, noun) steppe	moving by lifting the foot; degree vast grasslands
stile style	turnstile, passageway fashion
straight strait	not curved or bent narrow passage of water connecting two bodies of water
succor sucker	relief, assistance fool
suede swayed	leather finished with a soft, napped surface past tense of <i>sway</i>; persuaded
suite sweet	a connected series of rooms opposite of <i>sour</i>
summary summery	an abstract or brief account of the summer

sundae Sunday	ice cream with syrup day of the week
sympathy	(see <i>empathy</i>)
tacks tax	short nails percent of earnings paid to the government
tail tale	hindmost animal appendage story
take	(see <i>bring</i>)
tare tear (verb)	allowance for the weight of packaging rip, pull apart
taught taut	past tense of <i>teach</i> tightly stretched
tea tee	a beverage a peg from which a golf ball is hit
team teem	group playing on the same side in a game swarm
tear (noun) tier	salt water coming from eyes when sad (pronounced like <i>ear</i>) a row or layer
tense tents	nervous strain portable shelters used for camping
than	used for comparison

then	indicates time, answers <i>when</i>
their there they're	possessive pronoun location contraction for <i>they are</i>
threw through	past tense of <i>throw</i> in one end and out the other
throes throws	agonizing struggles tosses, hurls
throne thrown	royal seat or office was tossed
thyme time	herb of the mint family past, present, future sequences of events
ticks tics	parasites; sounds of a clock facial twitches
tide tied	ebb and flow of the ocean past tense of <i>tie</i>
to too two	in the direction of, toward; used with the infinitive form of verbs (<i>to go, to run, to hit</i>) also, to an extensive degree <i>Example: It is too hot to jog.</i> the number after <i>one</i>
toad toed towed	similar to a frog having a toe pulled, hauled
told tolled	said sounded a bell

tort torte	a breach of contract a rich cake made with little or no flour
tracked tract	followed an extended area of land; a political or religious pamphlet
troop troupe	a body of soldiers a group of traveling performers
vain vane vein	excessively concerned about one's appearance a blade moved by wind as in <i>weather vane</i> blood vessel
vary very	to change or alter extremely
verses versus	lines of poetry as compared to another choice; against
vial vile	small container for holding liquids repulsive, depraved
vice vise	bad habit; immoral practice device used to hold an object firmly
wade weighed	to walk through water to have put on a scale
wail whale	mournful cry marine mammal

waist waste	narrowest part of the human torso (usually) to squander or spend uselessly
wait weight	to be available or ready quantity of heaviness or mass
waiver waver	a relinquishment of some right to feel indecisive; vary
warn worn	to notify carried on the body; deteriorated
warrantee warranty	person who is given a written guarantee written guarantee
way weigh	direction to measure mass
weak week	lacking strength seven days starting with Sunday
wear where	to carry on the body in what place?
weather whether	state of the atmosphere in a location if
weave we've	to interlace thread or yarn to make a fabric contraction for <i>we have</i>
went	(see <i>gone</i>)
were	past tense of <i>are</i>

we're	contraction for <i>we are</i>
wheeled wield	moved on wheels to exercise power; to handle a weapon effectively
which witch	what one? sorceress
while wile	during or in the time that a trick to fool, trap, or entice
whine wine	complaining cry fermented grape juice that becomes an alcoholic beverage
whined wind wined	past tense of <i>whine</i>, complained what one does to keep a watch ticking on time (pronounced like <i>kind</i>); air current (pronounced like <i>sinned</i>) to supply with wine
whirled world whorled	spun rapidly planet Earth shaped like a coil
whole	(see <i>hole</i>)
wholly	(see <i>holy</i>)
who's whose	contraction for <i>who is</i> <i>Example: Who's at the door?</i> possessive case of <i>who</i> <i>Example: Whose coat is this?</i>
won	(see <i>one</i>)

wont (adjective, noun) won't	accustomed; habit contraction for <i>will not</i>
wood would	tree trunk material expressing an intention <i>Example: I would if I could.</i>
wrap	(see <i>rap</i>)
wrapped	(see <i>rapt</i>)
wreak	(see <i>reek</i>)
wrest	(see <i>rest</i>)
wretch	(see <i>retch</i>)
wring	(see <i>ring</i>)
write	(see <i>right</i>)
wrote	(see <i>rote</i>)
wrought	(see <i>rot</i>)
wry	(see <i>rye</i>)
yoke yolk	harness for oxen yellow center of an egg
yore you're your	long past contraction for <i>you are</i> possessive pronoun

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