

# General Aptitude

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What are **common confusables**?

Words that may be confused because their **similarity** in,

- Spelling
- Pronunciation
- Meaning

# Must-know Terms

**Homonyms:** *Homo* – “same”, *onym* – “name”

Same spelling

Same pronunciation

Different meanings

*Example:* Address, match, right, ring

**Homophones** (a kind of homonyms)

Same/different spelling

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*Example:* write – right, desert – desert, read - reed

**Homographs** (a kind of homonyms)

Same spelling

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*Example:* lead, close, wind, minute

**Heteronyms** (a kind of homonyms/homographs)

Same spelling

Different pronunciation

Different Meanings

*Example:* conduct, content, live,

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