

- Some words in English cause trouble for speakers and writers because these words share a similar pronunciation, meaning, or spelling with another word. These words are called **commonly confused words**.
- ▶ They look alike, sound alike or, worst of all, look and sound alike but have completely different meanings. Other words look and sound different but are hard to determine which the correct one in a given context is.

- For example, read aloud the following sentences containing the commonly confused words new and knew:
- ► I liked her *new* sweater.
- I knew she would wear that sweater today.
- ► These words may sound alike when spoken, but they carry entirely different usages and meanings. New is an adjective that describes the sweater and knew is the past tense of the verb to know. New and knew are just two of the words that can be confusing because of their similarities.

CATEGORIES OF CONFUSING WORDS

Homonyms

- ► Homonyms (homo meaning same and nym meaning name) are words that sound alike but are different in meaning. They can be spelled the same or differently. It's important not to misuse homonyms, though, because the meaning of what you want to say can change drastically if you confuse the word's meaning.
- For example, if your friend tells you that he saw a murder on the way home from work, you'll probably want to clarify whether he means that he witnessed a violent crime or whether he saw a group of crows.

- are words that are spelled alike and sound alike ,but can have different spellings.
- A. Homophones
- B. Homonyms
- c. Homographs
- D. Homosapiens

Answer -B

Homophones

- ► There, their, and they're are probably the most misused words in the English language. They've been misused on restaurant signs, in Internet comments, and across bumper stickers. What is it about these words that make their usage so tricky? The answer: they're homophones.
- ► Homophones (homo meaning same and phone meaning sound) are words that are pronounced the same but are different in meaning. They differ from homonyms because they are not spelled the same, as you can see in the example of there (indicating a place or idea), their (indicating possession), and they're (indicating a contraction of they are).

- Homophones are words that sound different but have same meanings.
 - a) True
 - b) False

Answer- b Explanation: The statement is false. Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.

Homographs

- Homographs (homo meaning same and graph meaning writing) differ from homonyms and homophones in that homographs are not pronounced the same. They are spelled the same, however, and are different in meaning. They are not so easily confused in spoken English, but they can be tricky to spot in written English.
- Consider the word 'bass'.
- Bass
- Bass is a type of fish.
- Bass is also used for deep low-pitched voice.
- Bass is also a genre for music.
- ▶ The word bass is a homograph with different pronunciations and many different meanings.

- words that have the same spelling, but different pronunciations and meaning.
- A. Homophones
- B. Homonyms
- c. Homographs
- D. Homosapiens

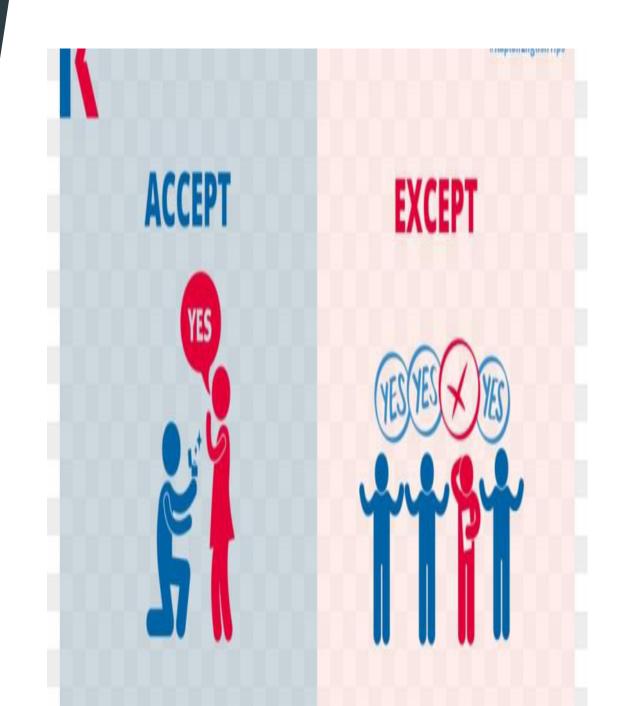
Answer - C

HOMONYMS	HOMOPHONES	HOMOGRAPHS
multiple meaning words	words that sound alike	same spelling, different pronunciation, different meanings
the spruce tree to spruce up	addition for math edition of a book	desert = abandon desert = area of land
suit yourself wore a suit	I want to go I like it too One plus one is two	bass = fish bass = instrument
weigh on the scale scale the wall	capitol building state capital	close = nearby close = to shut
the price is fair go to the fair	pick a flower bake with flour	bow = to bend down bow = ribbon

Examples

Accept, Except

- Accept (verb). Means to take or agree to something offered.
- They accepted our proposal for the conference.
- Except (conjunction). Means only or but.
- We could fly there except the tickets cost too much.

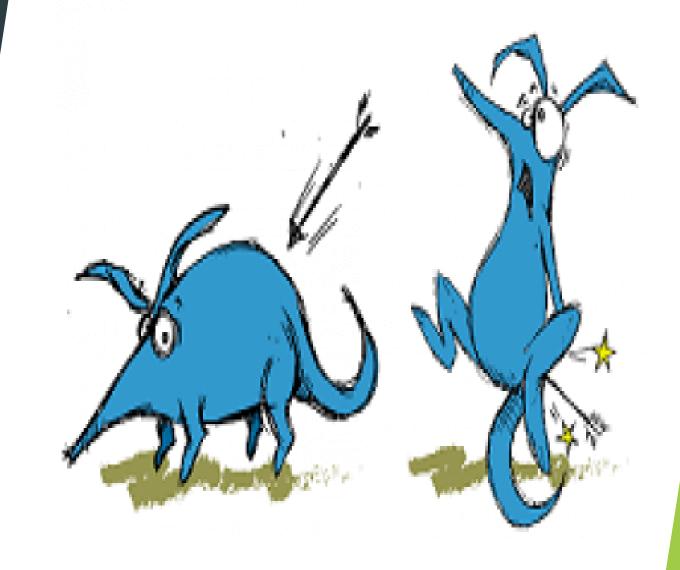


- Everything was in good order _____ the boots.
- A. accept
- ▶ B. except

► OPTION- B

Affect, Effect

- Affect (verb). Means to create a change.
- Hurricane winds affect the amount of rainfall
- Effect (noun). Means an outcome or result.
- The heavy rains will have an effect on the crop growth.



► The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico hasthe economy and the environment in negative ways.

- A. affected
- B. effected

Option-A

Its, It's

- Its (pronoun). A form of it that shows possession.
- The butterfly flapped **its** wings.
- It's (contraction). Joins the words it and is.
- It's the most beautiful butterfly I have ever seen.



- ► The dog buried bone.
- A. its
- ▶ B. it's

► OPTION-A

Know, No

- Know (verb). Means to understand or possess knowledge.
- I know the male peacock sports the brilliant feathers.

- No. Used to make a negative.
- I have **no** time to visit the zoo this weekend.



- ▶ I _____ you must be tired, so I will let you rest.
- A. know
- ▶ B. no

OPTION- A

Loose, Lose

- Loose (adjective). Describes something that is not tight or is detached.
- Without a belt, her pants are loose on her waist.
- Lose (verb). Means to forget, to give up, or to fail to earn something.
- She will lose even more weight after finishing the marathon training.





- Did you your glasses again?
- A. lose
- B. loose

OPTION- A

Quiet, Quiet, Quit

- Quite (adverb).
 Means really or truly.
- My work will require **quite** a lot of concentration.
- Quiet (adjective). Means not loud.
- I need a quiet room to complete the assignments.
- Quit (verb). Means to stop or to end.
- I will quit when I am hungry for dinner.

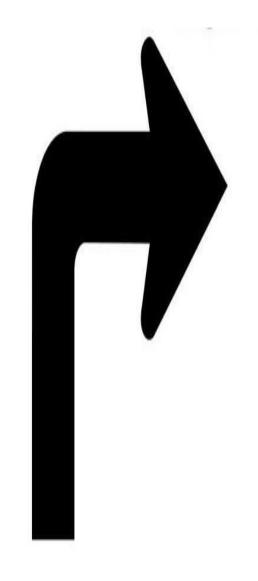


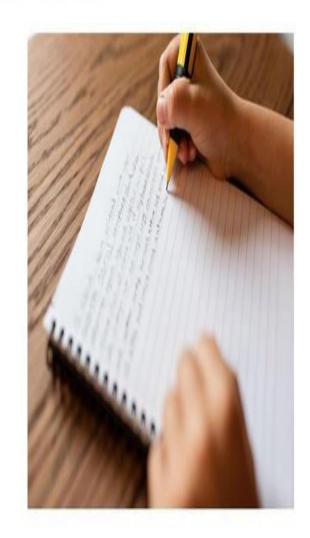
- ▶ . I wish I had seen the show last night, I heard it was a performance.
- A. quiet
- ▶ B. quite

► OPTION - B

Right, Write

- *Right* (adjective). Means proper or correct.
- When bowling, she practices the **right** form.
- Right (adjective). Also means the opposite of left.
- The ball curved to the right and hit the last pin.
- Write (verb). Means to communicate on paper.
- After the team members bowl, I will write down their scores.





- ▶ I don't know If I made the _____decision.
- A. write
- ▶ B. rite
- C. right

► OPTION- C

Than, Then

- Than (conjunction). Used to connect two or more items when comparing
- Registered nurses require less schooling than doctors.
- Then (adverb). Means next or at a specific time.
- Doctors first complete medical school and then obtain a residency.





- I wanted to go home more I wanted to go to the party.
- A. than
- ▶ B. then

OPTION- A

Their, They're, There

- Their (pronoun). A form of they that shows possession.
- The dog walker feeds their dogs everyday at two o'clock.
- They're (contraction). Joins the words they and are.
- They're the sweetest dogs in the neighborhood.
- There (adverb). Indicates a particular place.
- The dogs' bowls are over **there**, next to the pantry.
- There (pronoun). Indicates the presence of something
- There are more treats if the dogs behave.

they're, there, their



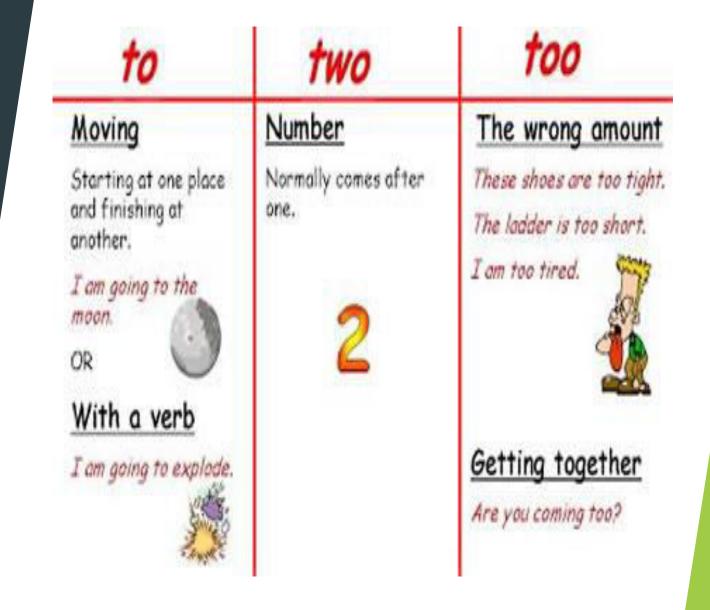
They're on their bikes over there.

- ▶ Just put it over
- A. their
- ▶ B. there

► OPTION- B

To, Two, Too

- To (preposition). Indicates movement.
- Let's go to the circus.
- To. A word that completes an infinitive verb.
- **to** play, **to** ride, **to** watch.
- Two. The number after one. It describes how many.
- Two clowns squirted the elephants with water.
- Too (adverb). Means also or very.
- The tents were too loud, and we left.



- Are you coming with us _____?
- a. too
- b. to
- c. two

OPTION- A

Who's, Whose

- Who's (contraction). Joins the words who and either is or has.
- Who's the new student? Who's met him?
- Whose (pronoun). A form of who that shows possession.
- Whose schedule allows them to take the new student on a campus tour?



WHO'S = who is/who has



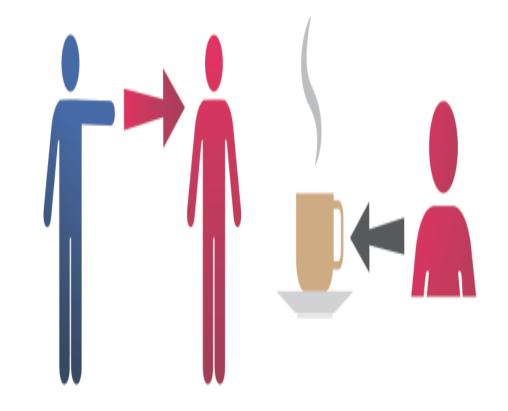


- Anyone been to Wales knows how beautiful the countryside is.
- A. whose
- ▶ B. who's

► OPTION- B

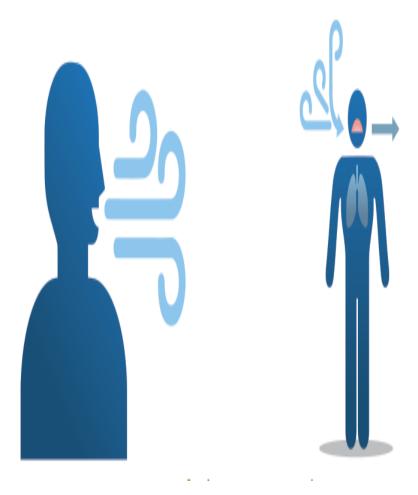
Your, You're

- Your (pronoun). A form of you that shows possession.
- Your book bag is unzipped.
- You're (contraction). Joins the words you and are.
- You're the girl with the unzipped book bag.



Breath, Breathe

- Breath (noun)- the air that goes into and out of your lungs
- Her breath <u>smelled</u> of <u>garlic</u>.
- Breathe (verb)-to move air into and out of the lungs:
- ► I'm <u>sorry</u> if I'm breathing <u>garlic</u> <u>fumes</u> all **over** you!

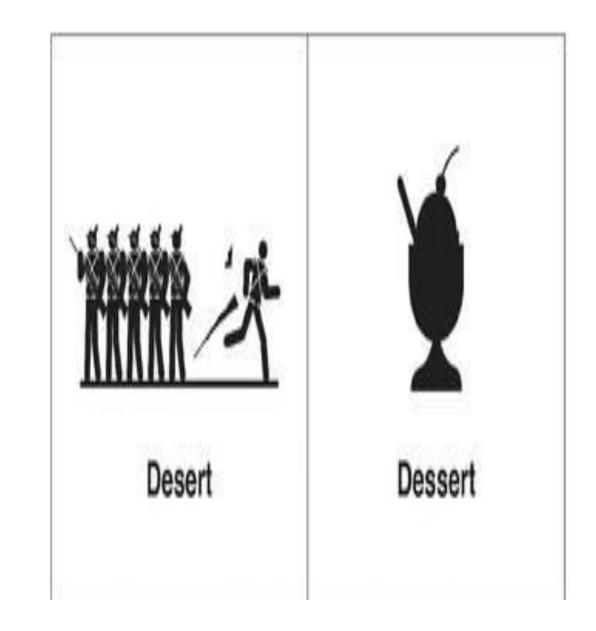


- ► Fish cannot _____ out of water.
- a. breath
- **b.** breathe

► OPTION - B

Desert, Dessert

- Desert (noun)to <u>leave</u> somebody or something.
- How many people desert from the army each year?
- Dessert (noun)- sweet food eaten at the end of a meal.
- He had apple pie with ice cream for dessert.

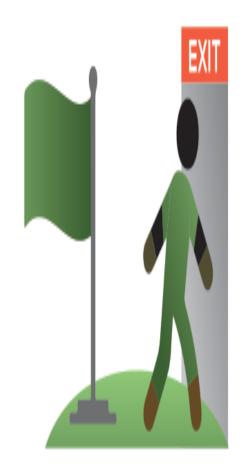


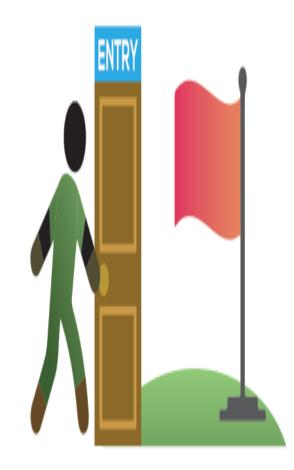
- Fruit makes a healthy after lunch or dinner.
- A. desert
- B. dessert

► OPTION- B

Emigrate, Immigrate

- Emigrate (verb)to <u>leave</u> a <u>country permanently</u> and go to <u>live</u> in another one:
- ► to <u>leave</u> a <u>country permanently</u> and go to <u>live</u> in another one:
- Immigrate(verb) -to come to <u>live</u> in a different <u>country</u>:
- He immigrated with his <u>parents</u> in 1895 and <u>grew</u> up on Long Island.





Horde, Hoard

- Horde (noun)a <u>large group</u> of <u>people</u>:
- ► Hordes **of** <u>students</u> on <u>bikes</u> made <u>crossing</u> the <u>road</u> <u>difficult</u>.
- Hoard (verb)to <u>collect large amounts</u> of something and <u>keep</u> it for yourself, often in a <u>secret place</u>:
- No one suspected that the simple old woman's attic held a hoard of rare gold coins.



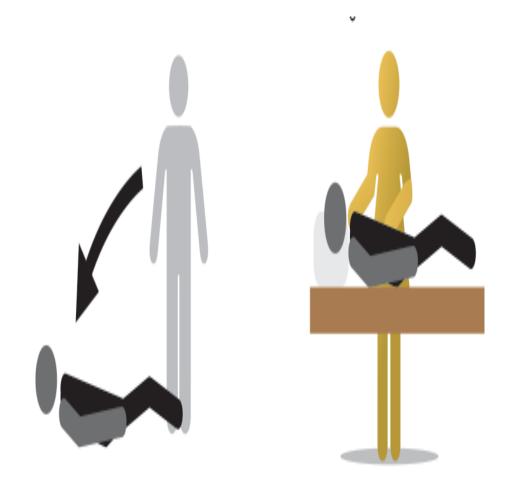


- ► A _____ of tourists entered the museum.
- A. hoard
- B. horde

► OPTION- B

Lie, Lay

- Lie (verb)-to be in or move into a horizontal position on a surface:
- ▶ I think I'll lie down for a little nap.
- Lay (verb)- to put something in especially a flat or horizontal position, usually carefully or for a particular purpose:
- I think I'll lay my book down next to me before my nap.



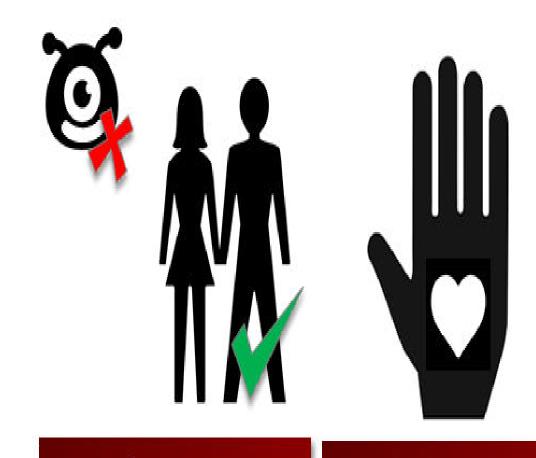
- ▶ Whatever happens, do not your weapon!
- A. lie down
- B. lay down

► OPTION- B

Human, Humane

Human(adj) -person -When he <u>laughs</u> it makes him <u>seem</u> more human.

Humane (adj) - feeling or displaying worry about the misery of another-Our treatment must be humane to the poor.



human (a person, of humanity)

humane (compassionate)

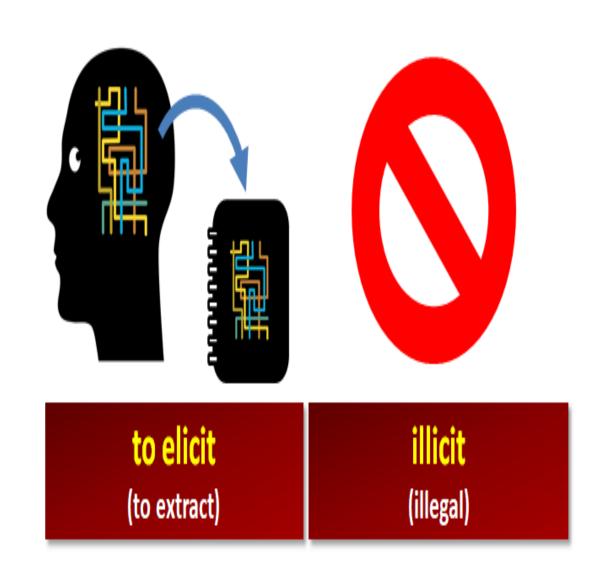
Not that I am less _____ than others, but I did not perceive that my feelings were much affected.

- A. humane
- B. human

OPTION- A

Elicit, illicit

- Elicit (verb)- to get something ,esp. information or reaction.
- Have you <u>managed</u> to elicit a <u>response</u> from them <u>yet</u>?
- Illicit (adj)- illegal or disapproved of by society.
- I dumped my friend because of his illicit drug habit.



- ► The teacher answers from the students.
- A. illicited
- B. elicited

► OPTION- B

Complement, Compliment

- Complement (verb) to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it:
- The music complements her voice perfectly.
- Compliment (noun)-a remark that expresses approval, admiration respect.
- ▶ I just wanted to compliment you for the wonderful speech you gave tonight.



- The teacher _____ the boy on his success.
- a. complimented
- b. complemented

► OPTION-A

Stationary, Stationery

- Stationary(adj)- not changing
- ► I just wanted to compliment you for the wonderful speech you gave tonight..
- Stationery (noun)- the things needed for writing ,such as paper, pens, pencils and envelopes.
- ► I got these folders at the stationery store.



- My grandmother has given me a lot of over the years. I think she wants me to use it to write her.
- A. stationary
- B. stationery

► OPTION- B

Advise, Advice

- Advise (verb) to offer suggestions to a person or group
- At the meeting, the school counselor will advise me on some of my career options.
- Advice (noun)an <u>opinion</u> that someone <u>offers</u> you about what you should do or how you should <u>act</u> in a <u>particular</u> <u>situation</u>:
- Steven gave me some good advice.





- It is easy to give, but not so easy to take it.
- A. advice
- B. advise

OPTION- A

Bridal, Bridle

- Bridal (adj) of a woman about to be married
- The magazine had a section on bridal wear.
- Bridle (noun)- a set
 of <u>leather straps</u> that are put
 around a
 horse's <u>head</u> to <u>allow its</u>
 <u>rider</u> to <u>control</u> it
- As soon as she jerked his **bridle**, the horse reared back again and kicked.



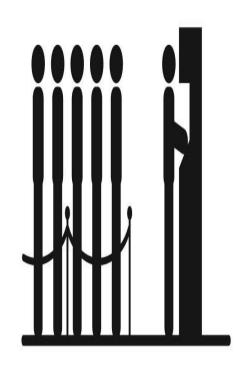
Choose if the given sentence is correct or incorrect.

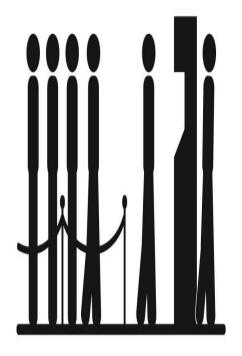
- ▶ Petya held his horse by the **bridal**, impatiently awaiting the order to mount.
- A. Correct
- B. Incorrect

Option- A

Proceed, Precede

- Proceed (verb)- to continue as planned
- His lawyers have decided not to proceed with the case.
- Precede (verb)- to go before someone or something in time or space.
- Nouns are often preceded by <u>adjectives</u>.





- ▶ The election of a new president his inauguration.
- A. proceeds
- ▶ B. precedes

► OPTION- B

Principal, Priniciple

- Principal (adj)- the person incharge of a school.
- Our principal works very hard.
- Principle (noun)a <u>basic idea</u> or <u>rule</u> that <u>explains</u> or <u>controls</u> how something <u>happens</u> or <u>works</u>:
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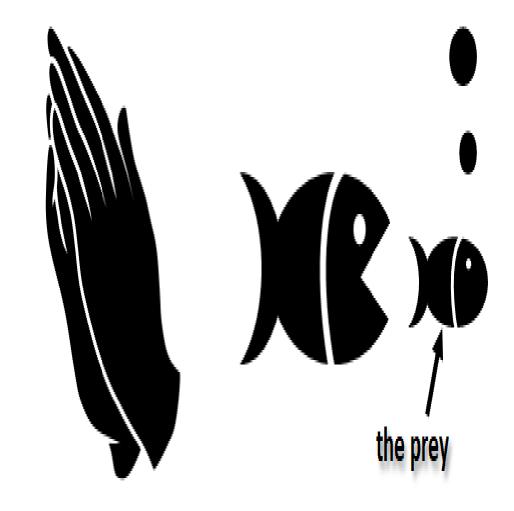


- Not everybody shares my
- A. principles
- B. principals

OPTION- A

Pray. Prey

- Pray (verb)- to speak to God in order to give thanks or to ask for help.
- They knelt down and prayed for peace
- Prey (noun)- an <u>animal</u> that is <u>hunted</u> and <u>killed</u> for <u>food</u> by another <u>animal</u>:
- an <u>animal</u> that is <u>hunted</u> and <u>killed</u> for <u>food</u> by another <u>animal</u>:



- What is the meaning of the word 'Prey'?
- A. an animal or bird that is killed and eaten by another animal or bird
- B. to speak to God

► OPTION-A

Allusion, Illusion

- Allusion (noun)- An allusion is a subtle reference or hint.
- The <u>film</u> is <u>full</u> of allusions **to** Hitchcock..
- Illusion (noun)an idea or belief that is not true:
- My <u>boss</u> is <u>labouring</u> under the illusion that the <u>project</u> will be <u>completed</u> on <u>time</u>.





Adopt, Adapt, Adept

- Adopt (verb)- o "accept as your own":
- It was difficult to adopt only one puppy from the animal shelter
- Adapt (verb)-to adjust- The bus was adapted for disabled people.
- Adept (adj)-skillful at something
- She is very adept at dealing with media.



- Which sentence is correct ?
- A. He is unusually adept in mathematical calculations.
- ▶ B. He is unusually **adapt** in mathematical calculations.
- C. He is unusually **adopt** in mathematical calculations

OPTION- A.

Oral, Aural

- Oral (adj)-spoken, not written
- l've got my geography oral next week.

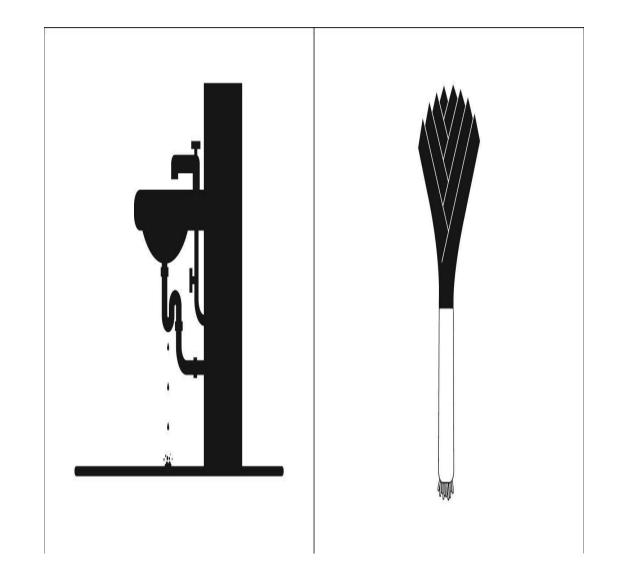
- Aural (adj)- relating to hearing
- She doesn't <u>speak</u> <u>English</u> well, but her aural <u>comprehension</u> is good.





Leak, Leek

- Leak (verb)to allow liquid or gas to get through a hole or crack
- Water is leaking in through the roof..
- Leek (noun) a long thin vegetable that is white at one end with thin green leaves
- For a first course, there is a potato leek soup.



- Which sentence is correct?
- ▶ A. If you enjoy a 5.1 surround sound system, the **aural** experience is equally impressive.
- ▶ B. If you enjoy a 5.1 surround sound system, the **oral** experience is equally impressive.

► OPTION-A

- Practice daily because the quality of your practice determines the caliber of your performance...."
- THANK YOU