**Words often confused**

Words that sound alike or look alike (moral/morale) often confuse students, especially those using spell checkers. This lengthy list of commonly confused words with simple definitions will help you decide which spelling fits your sentence.

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| **Sl no.** | **Word** | **Meaning** | **Example** |
| 1 | Accept | To receive | We *accept* your invitation with pleasure. |
|  | Except | With the exclusion of | My grades are satisfactory in every subject *except* English. |
| 2 | Affect | To influence | Her campaign strategy *affected* the outcome of the election. |
|  | Effect | Result, to cause | Her efforts *effected* a change. |
| 3 | Advice | Recommendation (noun) | He usually gives quite sound advice |
|  | Advise | to recommend (verb) | He promised to advise us on which course of action to take. |
| 4 | A lot | Much, plenty | He had to a lot of hard work to get success. |
|  | Allot | To give time, task, money, etc…  to some body | You have been allotted three core rupees for this project. |
| 5 | Access | approach | Access to the internet is very easy these days. |
|  | Excess | To be more than enough | If you eat in excess, your health will be affected. |
| 6 | Adopt | To take up, to make one`s own | All the people adopted different approaches to the problem. |
|  | Adapt | To adjust | A wise man adapts his ways according to the circumstances. |
| 7 | All together | Used for people or things as a whole | We always had fun when we were  All together. |
|  | Altogether | completely | He has changed altogether since he has joined Army. |
| 8 | Allusion | Reference to | While talking to him, his boss did not make any allusion to his poor performance. |
| illusion | Deception | In a desert, there is an illusion of water. |
| 9 | already | By now | I did not go to the cinema as I had already seen the film. |
| All ready | Everything completely prepared | Are you already to go for a picnic? |
| 10 | Antic | Tricks | The antics of the juggler amazed us. |
| Antique | Old, ancient | Most of the people love to preserve antique things |
| 11 | Apart | In pieces, separately | The two houses stood 500 meters apart. |
| A part | One section of | I did not feel bad while loosing as it was a part of the game. |
| 12 | Belief | A noun | I admire his passionate belief in what he is doing. |
| Believe | A verb | He believes in what he does. |
| 13 | Bad | Evil | We should not do bad things. |
| Bade | Ordered, commanded | I Bade my servant to clean the room. |
| 14 | Beside | Next to | The lamp was kept beside the bed. |
| Besides | Additionally | Raju know telugu besides Hindi. |
| 15 | Borrow | To take something on loan | I have borrowed five books from library. |
| Burrow | A hole | The rabbit lives in a burrow. |
| 16 | Canvas | A rough cloth | He was wearing a canvas hat. |
| canvass | To request for vote | Party workers are busy canvassing local resident. |
| 17 | Casual | Incident , occasional | He trailed to sound causal, but I knew he was worried. |
| causal |  | There is a causal relationship between dirt and disease. |
| 18 | Cloth | Fabric | Clean the surface with a damp cloth. |
| clothes | Garments ,attires | I bought some new clothes for winter. |
| 19 | Coma | A deep unconscious state | Nobody can meet the patient as he in coma. |
| comma | A punctuation mark | A comma is used to separate more than two words in a sentence. |
| 20 | Confident | To be sure of | He is confident of achieving success |
| Confidant | One entrusted with secrets | Nitin is my trusted confidant, he knows all my secrets. |
| 21 | Custom | Tradition, convention | It is our custom to equate guest with God. |
| Costume | The outfit worn to represent a particular time, event, or culture | She has four costume changes during the play. |
| 22 | Dairy | A farm where milk and milk products are produced | Tania has grown up a dairy and she knows how to churn butter. |
| Diary | The daily journal kept | Karan writes in his diary every night. |
| 23 | Defer | To postpone | The doctor has deferred the meeting till Monday. |
| Differ | To disagree | The two friends differ from each other in many respects. |
| 24 | Defy | Challenge | We should not defy the rules, they are meant for our safety. |
| Deify | Worship | Heroes are deified by everyone. |
| 25 | Device | An instrument used to perform a task | Nowadays there several electronic devices to help us. |
| Devise | To plan | You have to devise a plan to finish your work in the given time. |
| 26 | Disease | Illness | He is suffering from rare blood disease. |
| Decease | Death | The government decided to give fifty thousand rupees to the family of the decease. |
| 27 | Divers | Several | Divers ways were used to overcome the hurdles. |
| Diverse | Unlike | Their views were so divers that they could not find a solution. |
| 28 | Egoist | One who is believe that man is selfish by nature | He is an egotist because he believes that self-interest governs the actions of man. |
| Egotist | Self centered person | Those who are egotist by nature are not liked by anyone. |
| 29 | Eligible | Qualified | Only a post graduate is eligible to teach in this institution. |
| Illegible | Unreadable | His hand writing is so illegible that no one can understand it. |
| 30 | Emerge | To come out | Many evils emerge from poverty. |
| Immerge | To go down into | He immerged into water and took out the lost ring. |
| 31 | Empire | Kingdom | The British empire ruled India for a longtime. |
| Umpire | Referee | Nowadays, players challenge umpire`s decision in cricket match. |
| 32 | Felicity | Happiness | True felicity results from contentment. |
| Facility | Ease, comfort | The hostels of our college are equipped with every facility. |
| 33 | Floor | Ground ,base | The body was lying on the kitchen floor. |
| Flour | Fine powder made from grains | Wheat flour is used to make bread. |
| 34 | Forceful | Impressive | Everybody was impressed by his forceful speech. |
| Forcible | Aggressive | The criminal was sent to the jail forcibly. |
| 35 | Formally | Ceremoniously | The chief guest was formally welcomed by the students. |
| Formerly | Previously | My father is a teacher but formerly he was in military. |
| 36 | Goal | Aim | Our ultimate goal is to get good marks in examination. |
| Gaul | Jail | The thief who tried to steal the jewels has been put in Gaul. |
| 37 | Ghostly | Like a ghost | A ghostly figure appeared in the dark. |
| Ghastly | Pale, frightening | The patient looked ghastly as he was very weak. |
| 38 | Graceful | Pleasing, charming | Everyone admire her graceful personality. |
| Gracious | Kind | A gracious boss is loved by his subordinates. |
| 39 | Haven | A place for retreat | This island is a safe haven for smugglers. |
| Heaven | Paradise | The joys of heaven are a myth. |
| 40 | Historical | Chronological | You must analyze these events in their historical context. |
| Historic | Notable | Today is a historic occasion for our institution. |
| 41 | Honorary | To serve without salary | He is working on an honorary post. |
| Honorable | Respectable | Dr abdul kalam is an honorable person. |
| 42 | Human | Related to man kind | All human beings want to love and praise. |
| Humane | Kind | We should be humane in our treatment towards the sufferers. |
| 43 | Idle | Without work | We should not sit idle. |
| Idol | Image | The Hindu’s believe in idol worship. |
| 44 | Industrious | Hard working | We have to be industrious to achieve success in our life. |
| Industrial | Related to industry | Industrial revolution has placed an important role in the history of civilization. |
| 45 | Intelligent | Cleaver, bright | Ravi is an intelligent boy. |
| Intelligible | Understandable | This article is readily intelligible to all the students. |
| 46 | Later | Afterward | As we are very tired, we decided to do it later. |
| Latter | Second | Out of two solutions, the latter one was better. |
| 47 | Lay | To set, to arrange, to put down. | The table was laid for four people. |
| Lie | Remain In a certain place | He kept lying in the bed because he was not feeling well. |
| 48 | Loose | Not tight | The knot was tight but after sometime it came loose. |
| Lose | To misplace | If you not play well, you will lose the game. |
| 49 | Marital | Related to marriage | Vasu and meena are facing marital difficulties. |
| Martial | Refers to war or worriers | Gopal has got a black belt in martial arts. |
| 50 | Marry | To wed | Vineet decided to marry a girl in his choice. |
| Merry | Full of joy | It was festival time and we all were busy making merry. |
| 51 | Monetary | Financial | Vishal is facing monetary problems these days. |
| Monitory | Giving warning or advice | We should listen to the monitory advice of the elders and teachers. |
| 52 | Negligible | Not of much value | There was negligible error in calculation. |
| Negligent | Careless | Don`t be negligent about your duties. |
| 53 | Notable | Important, worth noting | The town is notable for its ancient harbor. |
| Noticeable |  | Marks were noticeably higher for girls than for boys. |
| 54 | Old | Not new or young | Raheem is an old of 60 |
| Ancient | Not modern | Women were kept in purdah in ancient India. |
| 55 | Overdo | To exaggerate something | Sudha is overdoes her makeup and she looks like a clown. |
|  | Overdue | Something that has missed its dead line | You must pay these overdue bills immediately. |
| 56 | Overtake | Leave behind | It`s dangerous to overtake on a bend. |
| Take over | Taking control of a  Company by buying its share. | The company`s takeover has lifted its share in the market. |
| 57 | Patrol | A party of soldiers or guards. | Police patrol visits this place regularly at night. |
| petrol | A kind of liquid used as fuel in car engines. | There has been an increase in petrol price. |
| 58 | Personal | Private, individual | All the travelers should take care of their personal belongings. |
| Personnel | Human resource | Personnel are currently reviving pay scales. |
| 59 | Precede | To come or go before | The flower girl preceded the bride in the procession. |
| proceed | To move forward | The MLA and his group proceeded to the guest house for lunch. |
| 60 | Propose | To suggest | He proposed to his friend that they should have an outing. |
| Purpose | Object | The purpose of education is overall development of child. |
| 61 | Pursue | Follow | We should pursue our goal with a strong determination. |
| persuade | Influence | I persuaded him to come with me. |
| 62 | Quiet | Calm, silent | We are all supposed to be quite in hospitals. |
| Quite | Completely | She was quite alone that Saturday. |
| 63 | Respectable | Deserving respect | Our elders always teach us to be respectable in public. |
| Respectful | Showing respect | We were brought up to be respectful of authority. |
| 64 | Sever | To cut through completely | The two countries have severed all diplomatic links. |
| Severe | Strict, hard | The party suffered severe losses during the last election. |
| 65 | Shore | A beach | We all wish to spend vacation on the shore. |
| Sure | Without doubt | I am sure that I will the prize. |
| 66 | Social | Related to society | We have joined a social club to make new friends. |
| sociable | Friendly | I am not feeling very sociable this evening. |
| 67 | Suit | A set of clothes | The manager was wearing a nice business suite. |
| Suite | A set of rooms | We rented three – piece suite with two armchairs and a sofa. |
| 68 | Tamper | To middle | Someone appears to have tampered with the glass. |
| Temper | Disposition | We should not rely on those who have an unpredictable temper. |
| 69 | Tenor | Character or meaning of something | I was discourages by the tenor of his remarks. |
| Tenure | Period of holding the office | The president effected many changes during his tenure. |
| 70 | Travel | To change location | My job requires a lot of traveling. |
| Trip | Used when the traveling distance is short. | How was your trip to the amusement park? |
| 71 | Urban | Of the city | The urban population getting more problems. |
| Urbane | Polite ,smooth | Everyone loves him because of his urbane manner. |
| 72 | Vacation | Holiday | During the summer vacation we are planning to attend music classes. |
| vocation | Profession | She is fortunate that she has found her true vocation in life. |
| 73 | Vicious | Cruel and violent | Police were shocked by the viciousness of the attack. |
| viscous | Thick and sticky | Honey and tar are viscous material. |
| 74 | Wander | To walk aimlessly | She wandered aimlessly around the street. |
| Wonder | Consider or question some issue | I was wondering whether you would like to come to a party. |
| 75 | Wary | Distrustful | The police will need to keep a wary eye on this area of the town. |
| Weary | Tired and worn | After working the whole day, I was very weary. |

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