

# Commonly Confused Words

## Word List (Part 1)

<b>Word</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Example</b>
a	used before a word beginning with a consonant	I read <b>a</b> book <b>a</b> day.
an	used before a word beginning with a vowel sound	I eat <b>an</b> apple <b>an</b> hour.
a lot	means "many, much"	I have <b>a lot</b> of homework to do.
allot	means "to distribute"	I will <b>allot</b> \$300 for groceries.
are	a verb meaning "to be"	They <b>are</b> happy.
or	separates two choices	I'll eat rice <b>or</b> potatoes.
our	shows ownership by one's group	<b>Our</b> class meets tomorrow.
accept	means "to receive, to agree as true"	I cannot <b>accept</b> the award.
except	means "to take or leave out"	Everyone <b>except</b> Alice is gone.
affect	means "to influence"	Health <b>affects</b> happiness.
effect	means "a result"	The music had a positive <b>effect</b> .
by	means "next to, close to"	I sit <b>by</b> that guy in class.
bye	a farewell	Juan said, " <b>Bye</b> ," and then left.
buy	means "to purchase"	I want to <b>buy</b> an Xbox.
have	a verb used to create conditional statements	If I could <b>have</b> gone, I would <b>have</b> .
of	a preposition indicating belonging	Ann is one <b>of</b> three sisters.
hear	means "to perceive sound"	We can <b>hear</b> loud music.
here	means "this place"	Come <b>here</b> !
it's	a contraction of "it is"	<b>It's</b> my favorite novel.
its	a pronoun that shows ownership	The puppy lost <b>its</b> toy.
knew	the past tense of "know"	I <b>knew</b> you were there.
new	means "never used before, recent"	Is that a <b>new</b> car you're driving?
know	means "to have information or reasoned belief"	I <b>know</b> your secret.
no	used to express refusal, denial	<b>No</b> , it is not raining.
lie	means "to recline"	Lizards <b>lie</b> in the sun.
lay	means "to put something down"	<b>Lay</b> the box on the table.
lose	means "to be deprived of, not to win"	Did the team <b>lose</b> the game?
loose	means "not securely attached"	My shoelace is <b>loose</b> .
passed	the past tense of "to pass," means "to have moved"	We already <b>passed</b> the exit.
past	means "belonging to a former time or place"	Don't forget the <b>past</b> .

# Word List (Part 2)

<b>Word</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Example</b>
quit	means "to stop" or "to leave"	<b>Quit</b> making that noise!
quite	means "actually," "somewhat," or "very"	I was <b>quite</b> full after dinner.
quiet	means "making no noise, silent"	Please be <b>quiet</b> !
sweet	means "having a sugary taste, pleasing"	This dessert is too <b>sweet</b> .
sweat	means "to perspire"	I <b>sweat</b> like a hog.
than	used in comparisons	Driving is faster <b>than</b> walking.
then	used to refer to a particular time	I was much happier back <b>then</b> .
there	means "that place or position"	Meet me over <b>there</b> .
their	a pronoun used to show ownership by a group	The workers love <b>their</b> boss.
they're	a contraction of "they are"	<b>They're</b> very strange.
to	a preposition indicating direction	Javier is going <b>to</b> Seattle
too	means "also" or "excessive"	The rent is <b>too</b> high.
two	a number, the spelling of "2"	Gwen has <b>two</b> llamas.
through	means "in one side and out the other"	Drive <b>through</b> the tunnel.
threw	the past tense of "throw"	She <b>threw</b> a rock at the tree.
thorough	means "careful or complete"	John did a <b>thorough</b> job.
though	means "however, nevertheless"	I have food, <b>though</b> not much.
were	the past tense of "are"	The students <b>were</b> late.
we're	a contraction of "we are"	<b>We're</b> watching a movie.
where	a question word that stands in for a place or position	<b>Where</b> in the world are you?
who	a pronoun for someone <i>doing</i> an action	I like people <b>who</b> like animals.
whom	a pronoun for someone <i>receiving</i> an action	With <b>whom</b> should I speak?
you're	a contraction for "you are"	<b>You're</b> an excellent writer.
your	a pronoun showing ownership	I believe this is <b>your</b> notebook.

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