

COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

CONFUSING CONTRACTIONS

it's (it is)	its (of it)
they're (they are)	their (of them)
	there (at that place)
who's (who is)	whose (of whom)
you're (you are)	your (of you)

ONE-WORD OR TWO-WORD PAIRS

all ready (completely prepared)	already (previously)
all together (all in one place)	altogether (thoroughly)
all ways (all methods)	always (at all times)
a lot (a large amount)	allot (distribute, assign)
every day (each day)	everyday (ordinary)
may be (could be)	maybe (perhaps)
some time (an amount of time)	sometime (at some unspecified time)

WORDS WITH SIMILAR SPELLINGS

advice (noun)	advise (verb)
breath (noun)	breathe (verb)
chose (past tense)	choose (present tense)
cloths (fabrics)	clothes (garments)
device (noun)	devise (verb)
envelope (noun)	envelop (verb)
human (of people)	humane (merciful)
later (after more time)	latter (in final position)
prophecy (noun)	prophecy (verb)

OTHER CONFUSABLES

good (adjective)	well (adverb)
may (asking permission)	can (have the ability)
bring (moving toward)	take (to carry off)
fewer (something you can count)	less (something you can't count)
lay (to place)	lie (to recline or tell an untruth)
sit (to rest the body)	set (to place something)
which or that (one of several things)	who (what person)
who (subjects)	whom (objects)

SIMILAR-SOUNDING WORDS (AKA HOMONYMS)

accept (receive)		except (leave out)
affect (influence, verb)		effect (result, noun)
allowed (permitted)		aloud (clearly heard)
ate (past tense of eat)		eight (the number)
break (smash, split)		brake (stopping device)
by (preposition)		buy (purchase)
capital (city, wealth)		capitol (building)
cite (mention)		sight (vision)
coarse (rough)		course (way or path)
complement (make complete)		compliment (praise)
conscience (moral judgment)		conscious (aware)
council (committee)		counsel (advice, adviser)
desert (dry land)		dessert (sweet food)
do (to act)	dew (moisture)	due (deadline)
dual (having two parts)		duel (fight)
dye (color)		die (perish)
faze (disturb, bother)		phase (stage)
for (preposition)		four (number)
forth (forward)		fourth (comes after third)
hear (perceive)		here (in this place)
heard (perceived)		herd (group)
heroin (drug)		heroine (principal character)
hole (opening)		whole (entire)
knot (twist)		not (negative)
know (be aware)		no (opposite of yes)
knows (be aware)		nose (part of face)
lead (metal)		led (guided)
loose (free, united)		lose (misplace, fail to win)
meat (food)		meet (encounter)
metal (element)		medal (award)
miner (excavator)		minor (young person)
one (less than two)		won (to acquire)
passed (went by)		past (earlier time)
peace (absence of war)		piece (part, portion)
plain (simple)		plane (flat surface)
poor (not rich)	pour (liquids)	pore (opening in skin)
principle (rule)		principal (chief person, sum)
quiet (silent)	quit (stop)	quite (really, positively)
rain (precipitation)		reign (rule, authority)
read (process words)		red (color)
right (proper)	rite (ritual)	write (put pen to paper)
road (path)	rowed (a boat)	rode (past tense of ride)
scene (stage, setting)		seen (perceived)
sense (perception)		since (from that time)
stationary (not moving)		stationery (writing paper)
straight (not curved)		strait (narrow place)
than (word of comparison)		then (at that time)
threw (past tense of throw)		through (by way of)
to (in the direction of) two (number)		too (also)
waist (center of body)		waste (squander)
weak (feeble)		week (seven days)
wear (carry on the body)		where (in what place)
weather (atmospheric conditions)		whether (if, in case)

which (what one)

witch (sorceress)