



Frequently Confused Words

accept	verb, "to take"	board	noun, "piece of wood"
except	verb, "to leave out" preposition, "leaving out"	bored	noun, "food" (room & board) adjective, "uninterested"
access	noun, "a way in"	breath	noun, "air in the lungs"
excess	noun, "too much"	breathe	verb, "to take in air"
addition	noun, "increase"	capital	adjective, "upper case or major"
edition	noun, "issue of a book"		noun, "top of a column"
adapt	verb, "to adjust"		noun, "wealth, net worth"
adept	adjective, "skilled"	capitol	noun, "city of government"
adopt	verb, "to take as one's own"		noun, "gov't. building"
advice	noun, "guidance"	choose	verb, "to pick"
advise	verb, "to guide"	chose	verb, "picked, past tense"
affect	verb, "to influence"	cite	verb, "to acknowledge"
	noun, "an emotion"	site	noun, "a place" ;verb, "to locate"
effect	verb, "to bring about"	sight	noun, "the ability to see"
	noun, "result"	coarse	adjective, "not fine"
aid	noun, "help"	course	noun, "path or unit of study"
aide	noun, "helper, assistant"	complement	noun, "completer"
aisle	noun, "a space between rows"		verb, "to provide balance"
isle	noun, "island"	compliment	noun, "flattery"
			verb, "to flatter"
already	adverb, "previously"	conscience	noun, "inner sense of right"
all ready	pronoun/adverb, "prepared"	conscious	adjective, "aware"
altar	noun, "table, place of sacrifice"	council	noun, "legislative body"
alter	verb, "to change"	counsel	noun, "advice"
angel	noun, "supernatural messenger"	dairy	noun, "place for milk products"
angle	noun, "corner"	diary	noun, "daily journal"
arc	noun, "curve"	defer	verb, "to put off"
ark	noun, "boat"	differ	verb, "to disagree, be dissimilar"
ascent	noun, "rising"	descent	noun, "the way downward"
assent	noun, "agreement"; verb, "to agree"	dissent	noun, "disagreement"
		decent	adjective, "proper"
bare	adjective, "naked"	desert	verb, "to leave"; noun, "dry land"
bear	noun, "animal"; verb, "to carry"	dessert	noun, "sweet course ending meal"

dew	noun, "condensed moisture"	peace	noun, "not war"
do	verb, "to act"	piece	noun, "part or section"
due	adjective, "payable or owed"		
dyeing	verb, "coloring"	personal	adjective, "intimate"
dying	verb, "losing life"	personnel	noun or adj., "employees"
envelop	verb, "to enclose"	precede	verb, "to go before"
envelope	noun, "enclosure for a letter"	proceed	verb, "to continue"
fair	adjective, "objective or pale"	principle	noun, "moral conviction"
fare	noun, "food or fee"	principal	adjective, "major"
			noun, "head of school"
formerly	adverb, "before"	quiet	adjective, "silent"
formally	adverb, "not casually"	quit	verb, "to stop"
		quite	adverb, "very"
forth	adjective, "forward, ahead"	respectfully	adverb, "with respect"
fourth	adjective, "number 4"	respectively	adverb, "in reference to"
hear	verb, "listen & understand"	than	preposition, "besides";
here	adverb, "in this place"		conjunction, "as"
heard	verb, past tense of hear	then	adverb, "at that time"
herd	noun, "group of animals"	their	possessive of "they"
hole	noun, "gap"	there	adverb, "in that place"
whole	adjective, "in one piece"	they're	"they are"
incidence	noun, "frequency of occurrence"	though	"despite or however"
incident	noun, "happening"	tough	adjective, "not tender"
incidents	noun, plural of incident	thought	noun, "an idea"
its	pronoun, possessive of "it"	through	prep. "in and out"
it's	pronoun/verb, "it is"	thorough	adjective, "complete"
later	adverb, "after a while"	trough	noun, "shallow basin"
latter	adjective, "last mentioned"	taught	verb, "past tense of teach"
lead	noun, "a metal" (rhymes "head")	to	preposition, "toward"
	verb, "to guide" (rhymes "heed")	too	adjective or adverb, "also"
led	verb, past tense of "lead"	two	adjective, "2"
lose	verb, "to misplace"	weather	noun, "rain, wind, snow"
loose	adjective, "not tight"	whether	conjunction, "if"
miner	noun, "one in a mine"	wear	verb, "to have clothes"
minor	adjective, "small" ;	were	verb, past tense of "be"
	noun, "one under age"	we're	"we are"
		where	adv. or conj. "in a place"
past	noun, "not present"	who's	"who is"
passed	verb, "past tense of pass"	whose	possessive of "who"
		your	possessive of "you"
		you're	"you are"