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### Spelling, Vocabulary, and Confusing Words

Because many words in English sound or look alike, frequently causing confusion, this list will be very helpful.

**a vs. an**

**Rule.** Use *a* when the first letter of the word following has the sound of a consonant. Keep in mind that some vowels sound like consonants when they're sounded out as individual letters.

**Examples:**

- *a finger*
- *a hotel*
- *a U-turn* (pronounced You-turn)
- *a HUD program*
- *a NASA study*

**Rule.** Use *an* when the first letter of the word following has the sound of a vowel. Remember that some consonants sound like vowels when they're spoken as individual

	<p><b>letters.</b>  <b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>an FBI case</i> (<i>F</i> is pronounced <i>ef</i> here)</li> <li>• <i>an honor</i> (<i>H</i> is silent here)</li> <li>• <i>an unusual idea</i></li> <li>• <i>an HMO plan</i> (<i>H</i> is pronounced <i>aitch</i> here)</li> <li>• <i>an NAACP convention</i> (<i>N</i> is pronounced <i>en</i> here)</li> </ul> <p><b>Deciding whether to use <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> before abbreviations can be tricky. The abbreviation for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) causes confusion because it can be pronounced as a word (<i>fak</i>), or one letter at a time (<i>F-A-Q</i>). Using the guidelines above, one would say <i>a FAQ</i> when it is pronounced as one word, and <i>an FAQ</i> when it is pronounced one letter at a time.</b></p>
<p><b>accept</b>  <b>except</b></p>	<p><b>to agree; to receive</b>  <b>but, with the exception</b>  <b>that</b></p>

ad add	advertisement to perform addition
ades aides AIDS aids	fruit drinks people who help; assistants acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome helps, assists
adverse  averse	unfortunate; strongly opposed (refers to things, not people) <i>Examples: an adverse reaction to the medication adverse weather conditions</i> having repugnance (refers to people) <i>Example: He is averse to a military draft.</i>
advice (noun) advise (verb)	recommendation the act of giving a recommendation
affect vs. effect	<b>Rule 1. Use <i>effect</i> when you mean <i>bring about</i> or <i>brought about</i>, <i>cause</i> or <i>caused</i>.</b> <i>Example: He effected a commotion in the crowd.</i> <i>Meaning: He caused a</i>

commotion in the crowd.

**Rule 2. Use *effect* when you mean *result*.**

***Example: What effect did that speech have?***

**Rule 3. Also use *effect* whenever any of these words precede it: *a, an, any, the, take, into, no*. These words may be separated from *effect* by an adjective.**

***Examples: That book had a long-lasting effect on my thinking.***

***Has the medicine produced any noticeable effects?***

**Rule 4. Use the verb *affect* when you mean *to influence* rather than *to cause*.**

***Example: How do the budget cuts affect your staffing?***

**Rule 5. *Affect* is used as a noun to mean *emotional expression*.**

***Example: She showed little affect when told she had won the lottery.***

ail ale	to be ill; to cause pain or distress malt beverage more bitter than beer
air err heir	what we breathe make a mistake one who inherits something
aisle I'll isle	passageway contraction for <i>I will</i> a small island
all awl	entire, everything a tool
allot a lot	to parcel out always two words meaning <i>many</i>
allowed aloud	gave permission to said out loud; spoken
all ready already	means <i>all are ready</i> <i>Example: We are all ready to go.</i> refers to time <i>Example: Is it summer already?</i>
all together altogether	refers to a group; all of us or all of them together <i>Example: It is wonderful to be all together to celebrate your birthday.</i> entirely

	<b>Example: It is not altogether his fault.</b>
<b>altar alter</b>	<b>pedestal, usually religious Example: They exchanged wedding vows at the altar of the church. to modify Example: Please don't alter your plans until we have the final schedule approved.</b>
<b>allude elude illude</b>	<b>to refer indirectly Example: He alluded to his past as a spy. avoid capture Example: The fugitive eluded the police for a month. mislead Example: He illuded her about his age.</b>
<b>allusion illusion</b>	<b>an indirect mention of something false perception</b>
<b>ambiguous ambivalent</b>	<b>to have more than one meaning Example: The law was ambiguous. to have mixed feelings Example: She is ambivalent about her wedding dress.</b>

amicable amiable	friendly (refers to things, not people) friendly (refers to people) <i>Example: The amiable couple had an amicable divorce.</i>
among between	involves three or more <i>Example: Who among us has not lied?</i> involves just two <i>Example: She couldn't decide between Chinese and Thai food.</i>
amount number	used for things not countable <i>Example: We couldn't handle that amount of ill will.</i> used for things that can be counted <i>Example: The number of accidents increased by ten percent.</i>
ant aunt	a bug the sister of a parent
ante auntie	a bet placed before playing affectionate term for a parent's sister
anxious	to have anxiety or worry <i>Example: She is anxious</i>

<b>eager</b>	<i>about taking the test.</i> <b>excited</b> <i>Example: She is eager to get a puppy.</i>
<b>any more</b> <b>anymore</b>	<b>something additional or further</b> <i>Example: It didn't rain any more this year than last year.</i> <b>any longer, nowadays</b> <i>Example: Harry doesn't travel anymore.</i>
<b>appraise</b> <b>apprise</b>	<b>to put a value on something</b> <b>to notify</b>
<b>arc</b> <b>ark</b>	<b>arch, crescent, half moon</b> <b>a vessel or a refuge</b>
<b>ascent</b> <b>(noun)</b> <b>assent (noun or verb)</b> <b>consent</b>	<b>movement upward</b> <b>enthusiastic agreement;</b> <b>to agree</b> <b>agreement</b>
<b>assistance</b> <b>(noun)</b> <b>assistants</b> <b>(noun)</b>	<b>help</b> <b>people who help</b>
<b>assumption</b> <b>presumption</b>	<b>an idea not based on evidence</b> <b>an idea based on evidence</b>
<b>assure</b>	<b>to promise or say with</b>

<b>ensure</b> <b>insure</b>	<b>confidence</b> <b>to make sure something will/won't happen</b> <b>to issue an insurance policy</b>
<b>ate</b> <b>eight</b>	<b>past tense of <i>eat</i></b> <b>the number after <i>seven</i></b>
<b>aural</b> <b>oral</b>	<b>having to do with hearing</b> <b>having to do with the mouth</b>
<b>averse</b>	<b>(see <i>adverse</i>)</b>
<b>awed</b> <b>odd</b>	<b>in a state of amazement</b> <b>unusual; opposite of <i>even</i></b> <b>when referring to numbers</b>
<b>aye</b> <b>eye</b> <b>I</b>	<b>yes</b> <b>organ one sees with pronoun</b>
<b>bald</b> <b>bawled</b>	<b>having no hair</b> <b>cried</b>
<b>ball</b> <b>bawl</b>	<b>a sphere</b> <b>to cry or wail loudly</b>
<b>band</b> <b>banned</b>	<b>a group, sometimes a group of musicians</b> <b>forbidden</b>
<b>bare</b> <b>bear</b>	<b>naked, unconcealed, plain</b> <b>the animal</b>
<b>base</b>	<b>the bottom; vulgar;</b>

<b>bass</b>	<b>headquarters (singular) low vocal or instrumental range (pronounced like <i>lace</i>); a type of fish ( pronounced like <i>lass</i>)</b>
<b>based baste</b>	<b>be dependent or supported to moisten; to criticize or lash out at</b>
<b>bases (noun, verb) basis (noun)</b>	<b>headquarters (plural of <i>base</i>); builds on foundation; belief</b>
<b>be bee</b>	<b>to exist or live insect</b>
<b>beach beech</b>	<b>sandy area with water type of tree with smooth, gray bark</b>
<b>beat beet</b>	<b>to strike violently; to flutter or flap; to pound as with a drum; to defeat; to stir vigorously a plant with a fleshy red or white root</b>
<b>beau bough (noun) bow (noun) bow (noun, verb)</b>	<b>boyfriend (pronounced like <i>owe</i>) branch of a tree (pronounced like <i>cow</i>) part of a set with arrows (pronounced like <i>owe</i>) boat front, a male's form</b>

	of curtsy, bending at the waist; comply (pronounced like <i>cow</i> )
<b>because vs. since</b>	<p><b>Rule.</b> <i>Because</i> and <i>since</i> can be used almost interchangeably although <i>because</i> always indicates cause and effect and <i>since</i> is used for a relationship or time.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Since I have some extra money, I will buy shoes.</i> (not cause and effect)</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>I will go to the game because my daughter is on the team.</i> (cause and effect)</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>I have wanted to talk to you since yesterday.</i> (time)</p>
<b>been bin</b>	form of <i>be</i> used with <i>has</i> or <i>have</i> container
<b>bell belle</b>	chime or alarm; a signal beautiful or charming woman
<b>berth birth</b>	a boat dock; bedroom or bed being born; beginning
<b>better</b>	of higher quality

<b>bettor</b>	<b>someone who places bets</b>
<b>between</b>	<b>(see <i>among</i>)</b>
<b>biannual</b> <b>biennial</b> <b>semiannual</b>	<b>twice a year</b> <b>every two years</b> <b>twice a year (same as <i>biannual</i>)</b>
<b>bite</b> <b>byte</b>	<b>to use one's teeth to tear food</b> <b>computer term for eight bits of information</b>
<b>billed</b> <b>build</b>	<b>charged a fee</b> <b>construct</b>
<b>blew</b> <b>blue</b>	<b>past tense of <i>blow</i></b> <b>the color</b>
<b>bloc</b> <b>block</b>	<b>a group united for a particular purpose</b> <b>city street; a cube-shaped object</b>
<b>boar</b> <b>bore</b>	<b>male pig</b> <b>someone or something not interesting</b>
<b>board</b> <b>bored</b>	<b>piece of wood; a group of people</b> <b>uninterested</b>
<b>boarder</b> <b>border</b>	<b>someone who pays for room and food</b> <b>perimeter; boundary</b>
<b>bode</b>	<b>predict</b>

<b>bowed</b>	<b>bent (pronounced like owed)</b>
<b>bold bowled</b>	<b>daring to have gone bowling; knocked over</b>
<b>bolder boulder</b>	<b>more daring a large rock</b>
<b>boos booze</b>	<b>sounds made by disapproving audience alcohol</b>
<b>bough</b>	<b>(see <i>beau</i>)</b>
<b>bow</b>	<b>(see <i>beau</i>)</b>
<b>boy buoy</b>	<b>male child a naval beacon or marker</b>
<b>brake break</b>	<b>stop separate into pieces</b>
<b>bread bred</b>	<b>a food; slang for <i>money</i> past tense of <i>breed</i>; raised</b>
<b>brewed brood (verb, noun)</b>	<b>fermented mull over; a cluster or family</b>
<b>brews bruise</b>	<b>ferments a black-and-blue mark, contusion</b>
<b>bridal bridle</b>	<b>relating to brides a harness, usually for a</b>

	<b>horse</b>
<b>bring take</b>	<b>you bring something towards you take something away</b>
<b>broach brooch</b>	<b>to raise a topic a bauble; a piece of jewelry</b>
<b>brows browse</b>	<b>the hairs in the arch above the eyes search for, peruse</b>
<b>but butt (noun/verb)</b>	<b>except bottom; joke object; to ram</b>
<b>buy by bye</b>	<b>purchase, acquire near, next to short for <i>goodbye</i></b>
<b>cache cash</b>	<b>hidden stash money</b>
<b>calendar colander</b>	<b>chart of days and months sieve to drain off liquids</b>
<b>can may</b>	<b>able to permission to</b>
<b>cannon canon</b>	<b>large, mounted gun rule, commandment</b>
<b>canvas canvass</b>	<b>awning cloth, tarp to poll; a poll</b>
<b>capital</b>	<b>assets; essential; main</b>

<b>capitol</b>	<b>city statehouse</b>
<b>carat caret carrot karat</b>	<b>unit of weight in gemstones a proofreading mark to show insertion (^) edible root a unit for measuring the fineness of gold</b>
<b>cast (noun, verb) caste</b>	<b>group of actors; to throw  a social class, a rigid system of social distinctions</b>
<b>cay key quay</b>	<b>a small, low island (also spelled <i>key</i>) a small, low island; instrument for opening locks (pronounced <i>key</i>) wharf, dock, pier</b>
<b>cede seed</b>	<b>to surrender reproductive germ</b>
<b>cell sell</b>	<b>prison room; basic structural unit of an organism to exchange for money</b>
<b>censor (verb, noun) censure</b>	<b>disallow; person who disallows <i>Example: The soldier's letters were censored</i></b>

<b>sensor</b>	<b><i>before mailing.</i></b> to disapprove of; criticize strongly <b><i>Example: The children were censured by the principal.</i></b> a device that measures heat, light, etc. and transmits a signal to a control or measuring instrument
<b>cent</b> <b>scent</b> <b>sent</b>	a penny a smell, aroma transmitted
<b>cereal</b> <b>serial</b>	breakfast food a series or array
<b>chance</b> <b>chants</b>	accident(al) chorus, melody
<b>chased</b> <b>chaste</b>	went after pure, virginal
<b>chews</b> <b>choose</b>	how one eats food with teeth to pick
<b>childish</b> <b>childlike</b>	immature innocent
<b>Chile</b> <b>chili</b> <b>chilly</b>	a country in South America a type of pepper; a dish with peppers in it cold, brisk

<p><b>choral</b> <b>coral</b> <b>chorale</b> <b>corral</b></p>	<p><b>a cappella, singing without instruments</b> <b>material that makes up reefs; orange color</b> <b>a hymn, a choir</b> <b>horse pen</b></p>
<p><b>chord</b> <b>cord</b> <b>cored</b></p>	<p><b>three or more musical tones sounded simultaneously; line segment joining two points on a curve</b> <b>a rope or strand of flexible material</b> <b>removed the center of something</b></p>
<p><b>chute</b> <b>shoot (verb, noun)</b></p>	<p><b>an inclined shaft to discharge from a weapon; a stem</b></p>
<p><b>cite</b> <b>sight</b> <b>site</b></p>	<p><b>to assert; to quote from; to subpoena</b> <b>vision, the power to see a location or position</b></p>
<p><b>classic</b> <b>classical</b></p>	<p><b>important; fundamental</b> <b>having to do with Greek or Roman antiquity;</b> <b>pertaining to eighteenth- to nineteenth-century music</b></p>
<p><b>clause</b> <b>claws</b></p>	<p><b>in grammar, a group of words containing a subject and verb; part of a</b></p>

	<b>contract</b> <b>an animal's nails</b>
<b>click</b> <b>clique</b>	<b>a sound</b> <b>a group</b>
<b>climactic</b> <b>climatic</b>	<b>having to do with the climax</b> <b>having to do with the climate</b>
<b>close (verb, adjective)</b> <b>clothes</b>	<b>to shut (pronounced like <i>rose</i>); nearby (pronounced like <i>dose</i>)</b>  <b>apparel</b>
<b>coarse</b> <b>course</b>	<b>rough, lacking in fineness of texture; crude</b> <b>a class; a path</b>
<b>colander</b>	<b>(see <i>calendar</i>)</b>
<b>colonel</b> <b>kernel</b>	<b>an officer in the military</b> <b>a seed</b>
<b>complement</b> <b>compliment</b>	<b>completing part of an order</b> <b>praise</b>
<b>confidant</b> <b>confident</b>	<b>someone confided in</b> <b>certain, sure</b>
<b>connote</b> <b>denote</b>	<b>to suggest, imply</b> <b><i>Example: A growling dog connotes danger.</i></b> <b>to be a sign of</b> <b><i>Example: Certain clouds</i></b>

	<i>denote rain on the way.</i>
<b>consent</b>	<i>(see assent)</i>
<b>continual</b>  <b>continuous</b>	repeated but with breaks in between; chronic <i>Example: The continual problem of our car not starting forced us to sell it.</i>  without interruption in an unbroken stream of time or space <i>Example: The continuous dripping of the faucet drove me crazy.</i>
<b>core</b> <b>corps</b> <b>corpse</b>	center or crucial part trained group dead body
<b>cosign</b> <b>cosine</b>	to sign along with a trigonometry term
<b>council</b> <b>counsel</b> (verb, noun)	a group of people meeting for a purpose advise; advice, an attorney
<b>creak</b> <b>creek</b>	a sound a stream
<b>crews</b> <b>cruise</b>	many groups a trip or vacation by sea
<b>criteria</b> <b>criterion</b>	plural of <i>criterion</i> a standard for evaluating

	or testing something
<b>cue</b>	a hint; a stimulus
<b>queue</b>	a line of people waiting
<b>currant</b>	type of small berry
<b>current</b>	up to date
<b>curser</b>	someone who swears or wishes misfortune on another
<b>cursor</b>	a blinking symbol indicating position on a computer screen

<b>dam</b>	a barrier obstructing the flow of liquid
<b>damn</b>	a swear word or curse
<b>dammed</b>	blocked from flowing
<b>damned</b>	doomed
<b>days</b>	twenty-four-hour periods of time
<b>daze</b>	to stun or overwhelm
<b>dear</b>	affectionate term
<b>deer</b>	the animal
<b>denote</b>	(see <i>connote</i> )
<b>desert (noun,</b>	a desolate area; to

verb) dessert	abandon extra <i>s</i> for sugary treat
desperate disparate	lost all hope, in despair entirely dissimilar
device (noun) devise (verb)	an invention to invent
dew do due	condensation in the morning to take action owed by a certain date
die dye	to cease to live; the singular of <i>dice</i> to stain or color using an agent
different from vs. different than vs. differently than	Rule. Use <i>different from</i> not <i>different than</i> . <i>Example: The weather was different from what we expected.</i> You may use <i>differently than</i> when a clause precedes and follows the expression. <i>Example: He works differently than she does.</i>
discreet discrete	careful, confidential individual, distinct
discussed disgust	talked over repulsion
does	female deer (plural)

<b>does</b>	(pronounced like <i>hose</i> ) a form of <i>to do</i> (pronounced like <i>fuzz</i> )
<b>doughs</b> <b>doze</b>	unbaked loaves of bread to sleep
<b>dual</b> <b>duel</b>	two-fold fight
<b>eager</b>	(see <i>anxious</i> )
<b>effect</b>	(see <i>affect</i> )
<b>e.g.</b>  <b>i.e.</b>	for example <i>Example: My living expenses have increased, e.g., rent, food, and utilities.</i> that is, in other words <i>Example: My living expenses have drained my finances, i.e., I have less money in the bank at the end of every month.</i>
<b>eight</b>	(see <i>ate</i> )
<b>elicit</b> <b>illicit</b>	evoke, extract, draw out illegal
<b>elude</b>	(see <i>allude</i> )
<b>elusive</b>  <b>illusive</b>	difficult to describe, evasive <i>Example: The point of the novel is elusive to me.</i> plausible or possible; deceptive

	<p><b>Example: She had the illusive dream of finding happiness by traveling. (plausible, possible)</b></p> <p><b>Example: She had an illusive idea that she was qualified for the job. (deceptive, delusional)</b></p>
<p><b>emigrate</b> <b>immigrate</b></p>	<p><b>to exit one country in order to live in another country</b> <b>to enter a new country to live</b></p>
<p><b>empathy</b> <b>sympathy</b></p>	<p><b>to understand another's feelings</b> <b>to feel compassion or sadness for another</b></p>
<p><b>ensure</b></p>	<p><b>(see assure)</b></p>
<p><b>epic</b> <b>epoch</b></p>	<p><b>saga</b> <b>a period of time, an age</b></p>
<p><b>err</b></p>	<p><b>(see air)</b></p>
<p><b>every day</b> <b>everyday</b></p>	<p><b>each day</b> <b>Example: I learn something new every day.</b> <b>ordinary</b> <b>Example: These are my everyday clothes.</b></p>
<p><b>except</b></p>	<p><b>(see accept)</b></p>
<p><b>eye</b></p>	<p><b>(see aye)</b></p>
<p><b>facts</b></p>	<p><b>objective data</b></p>

<b>fax</b>	<b>short for <i>facsimile</i>; technology that sends images by phone</b>
<b>faint feint</b>	<b>to go unconscious pretense</b>
<b>fair (adjective, noun) fare</b>	<b>impartial; an exhibition payment or expense for travel</b>
<b>fairy ferry</b>	<b>imaginary being possessing magical powers type of boat</b>
<b>farther further</b>	<b>refers to physical distance only <i>Example: We had to walk farther than the map indicated.</i> refers to physical distance like <i>farther</i>; moreover; in addition; to a greater extent <i>Examples: We need to discuss this further.</i> <i>Nothing could be further from the truth.</i> <i>We had to walk further.</i></b>
<b>faux foe</b>	<b>fake, imitation enemy, opponent</b>
<b>faze phase</b>	<b>to perturb or fluster a period or situation</b>

<b>feat feet</b>	<b>an extraordinary act or accomplishment twelve-inch increments; appendages at end of legs</b>
<b>feted fetid</b>	<b>celebrated, honored noxious, gross</b>
<b>fewer less under</b>	<b>refers to a number that can be counted <i>Example: Fewer days off.</i> refers to an uncountable amount <i>Example: Less rain, less fear.</i> used for direction <i>Example: Under the mattress, not under \$100.</i></b>
<b>find fined</b>	<b>discover penalized</b>
<b>fir fur</b>	<b>type of tree hairy coat of an animal</b>
<b>flair flare</b>	<b>style erupt</b>
<b>flea flee</b>	<b>insect to run away</b>
<b>flew flu flue</b>	<b>past tense of <i>fly</i>, to have moved through the air with wings a virus part of a chimney</b>
<b>floe flow</b>	<b>sheet of floating ice pour, proceed, spew</b>

<b>flour</b> <b>flower</b>	<b>grain</b> <b>the bloom of a plant</b>
<b>for</b> <b>fore</b> <b>four</b>	<b>preposition</b> <b>ahead</b> <b>the number after <i>three</i></b>
<b>forego</b> <b>forgo</b>	<b>to go in front of, precede</b> <b>to do without</b>
<b>foreword</b> <b>forward</b>	<b>introduction to a book</b> <b>written by someone other</b> <b>than the author</b> <b>opposite of <i>backward</i></b>
<b>fort</b> <b>forte</b>	<b>a military fortification</b> <b>someone's strong point,</b> <b>talent</b>
<b>forth</b> <b>fourth</b>	<b>forward</b> <b>number after <i>third</i></b>
<b>foul</b> <b>fowl</b>	<b>offensive, disgusting</b> <b>certain birds</b>
<b>frees</b> <b>freeze</b> <b>frieze</b>	<b>releases</b> <b>to make cold</b> <b>a decorative band on the</b> <b>wall</b>
<b>further</b>	<b>(see <i>farther</i>)</b>
<b>gait</b> <b>gate</b>	<b>a manner of walking or</b> <b>stepping, stride</b> <b><i>Examples: trotting,</i></b> <b><i>galloping, limping</i></b> <b>barrier</b>
<b>gilt</b> <b>guilt</b>	<b>gold-covered</b> <b>blame</b>

gone went	used with <i>has</i> or <i>have</i> <i>Examples: Ella has gone to the store.</i> <i>Barry and Ella have gone to the beach.</i> past tense of <i>go</i> <i>Examples: Ella went to the store.</i> <i>Barry and Ella went to the beach.</i>
gored gourd	stabbed with a horn or tusk hard-shelled fruit
gorilla guerrilla	largest of the apes soldier using surprise raids; irregular tactics
graft graphed	attach; acquisition of money dishonestly diagrammed
grate great	a cover or partition of parallel or crossed bars excellent
grill grille	method of cooking; barbecuing an openwork barrier for a gate
groan grown	a low, mournful sound of pain or grief to have increased in size
guessed guest	conjectured, offered an opinion

	<b>company, honoree</b>
<b>guise guys</b>	<b>appearance or assumed appearance men</b>
<b>hair hare</b>	<b>what grows on one's head and body rabbit</b>
<b>hall haul</b>	<b>passageway or large room to pull, drag, or lower</b>
<b>halve have</b>	<b>divide into two to possess</b>
<b>hangar hanger</b>	<b>shed or shelter for housing airplanes something to hang a garment on in the closet</b>
<b>haut/haute hoe</b>	<b>high-class, fancy as in haute couture (pronounced <i>oh</i> or <i>oht</i>) flat-bladed gardening tool</b>
<b>have vs. of</b>	<b><i>should've, could've, and would've</i> are contractions for <i>should have, could have, and would have</i>. No such wording as <i>should of, could of, would of</i></b>
<b>hay hey</b>	<b>dried grass interjection used to call attention</b>
<b>heal heel</b>	<b>to alleviate or cure back part of the foot;</b>

	<b>scoundrel</b>
<b>healthful</b> <b>healthy</b>	<b>something that promotes health</b> <i>Example: Organic food is thought to be healthful.</i> <b>to have good health</b>
<b>hear</b> <b>here</b>	<b>to listen; to give an official hearing in this spot</b>
<b>heard</b> <b>herd</b>	<b>listened</b> <b>a flock of animals</b>
<b>heir</b>	<b>(see <i>air</i>)</b>
<b>heroin</b> <b>heroine</b>	<b>a narcotic derived from morphine</b> <b>female admired for courage or ability</b>
<b>hi</b> <b>high</b>	<b>a greeting, informal for <i>hello</i></b> <b>elevated</b>
<b>higher</b> <b>hire</b>	<b>more elevated</b> <b>to pay for services</b>
<b>him</b> <b>hymn</b>	<b>pronoun referring to male person or animal</b> <b>song in praise of religious deity</b>
<b>hoard</b> <b>horde</b>	<b>stockpile, amass</b> <b>a large group, crowd</b>
<b>hoarse</b> <b>horse</b>	<b>cracked voice</b> <b>animal</b>

<b>hoes hose</b>	<b>flat-bladed gardening tools a flexible tube for conveying liquid</b>
<b>hole whole</b>	<b>an opening entire, complete</b>
<b>holy wholly</b>	<b>religious entirely, completely</b>
<b>hostel hostile</b>	<b>boarding house or inexpensive lodging antagonistic</b>
<b>hour our</b>	<b>sixty minutes possessive pronoun</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>(see <i>aye</i>)</b>
<b>idle idol idyll or idyl</b>	<b>not active; unemployed someone admired interlude, breathing space; romance, fairy tale</b>
<b>i.e.</b>	<b>(see <i>e.g.</i>)</b>
<b>I'll</b>	<b>(see <i>aisle</i>)</b>
<b>illicit</b>	<b>(see <i>elicit</i>)</b>
<b>illude</b>	<b>(see <i>allude</i>)</b>
<b>illusion</b>	<b>(see <i>allusion</i>)</b>
<b>illusive</b>	<b>(see <i>elusive</i>)</b>
<b>immigrate</b>	<b>(see <i>emigrate</i>)</b>
<b>imply infer</b>	<b>to indicate without being explicit to conclude from evidence</b>

<b>in</b> <b>inn</b>	<b>preposition; inside</b> <b>small hotel</b>
<b>inc.</b> <b>ink</b>	<b>abbreviation for</b> <b><i>incorporated</i></b> <b>fluid in pens</b>
<b>incite</b> <b>insight</b>	<b>to prompt to action</b> <b>understanding,</b> <b>comprehension</b>
<b>incredible</b> <b>incredulous</b>	<b>astonishing</b> <b><i>Example: Her gymnastic</i></b> <b><i>moves were incredible.</i></b> <b>skeptical</b> <b><i>Example: Citizens are</i></b> <b><i>incredulous about the</i></b> <b><i>reason for the increase in</i></b> <b><i>the price of gas.</i></b>
<b>ingenious</b> <b>ingenuous</b>	<b>clever</b> <b>naive or simple</b>
<b>innocence</b> <b>innocents</b>	<b>to be without guilt</b> <b>people who are without</b> <b>guilt</b>
<b>insure</b>	<b>(see <i>assure</i>)</b>
<b>irregardless</b> <b>regardless</b>	<b>no such word exists</b> <b>in spite of, without regard</b>
<b>isle</b>	<b>(see <i>aisle</i>)</b>
<b>it's</b> <b>its</b>	<b>contraction for <i>it is</i> or <i>it</i></b> <b><i>has</i></b> <b><i>Example: It's for a good</i></b> <b><i>cause.</i></b> <b>possessive pronoun</b>

	<b><i>Example: The cat hurt its paw.</i></b>
<b>jewel joule</b>	<b>gem in physics, a unit of work or energy</b>
<b>karat</b>	<b>(see <i>carat</i>)</b>
<b>kernel</b>	<b>(see <i>colonel</i>)</b>
<b>key</b>	<b>(see <i>cay</i>)</b>
<b>knead kneel need</b>	<b>work with bread dough hit with one's knee to require</b>
<b>knew new</b>	<b>past tense of <i>know</i>, to have understood opposite of <i>old</i></b>
<b>knight night</b>	<b>a soldier in the Middle Ages period between sunset and sunrise</b>
<b>knot not</b>	<b>interlacing of cord or rope used to express negation</b>
<b>know no</b>	<b>understand, comprehend a negative to express dissent</b>
<b>knows nose</b>	<b>understands part of the body one smells with</b>

<b>lacks lax</b>	<b>is deficient in slack, easy-going</b>																
<b>ladder latter</b>	<b>the thing with rungs that you climb the second of two <i>Example: If given a choice between vanilla and chocolate ice cream, I'll take the latter.</i></b>																
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	<p><b>2:00 p.m.</b>  <b><i>I am lying down for a nap today.</i></b>  <b><i>The hens lay eggs.</i></b>  <b><i>The hen is laying eggs.</i></b>  <b><i>I am tempted to lie about my age.</i></b>  <b><i>I am not lying about my age.</i></b></p> <p><b>Examples in the Past Tense:</b>  <b><i>I lay down for a nap yesterday at 2:00 p.m.</i></b>  <b><i>The hen laid two eggs yesterday.</i></b>  <b><i>He lied on the witness stand.</i></b></p> <p><b>Examples with a Participle (has, have):</b>  <b><i>I have lain down for a nap every day this week.</i></b>  <b><i>The hen has laid two eggs every day this week.</i></b>  <b><i>He has lied each day on the witness stand.</i></b></p>
<p><b>lead</b> <b>led</b></p>	<p><b>a metal element (pronounced like red); present tense of <i>led</i> (pronounced like seed)</b>  <b>guided, past tense of <i>to lead</i></b></p>
<p><b>leak</b> <b>leek</b></p>	<p><b>unintended discharge of liquid or gas</b>  <b>type of onion</b></p>
<p><b>lean</b> <b>(adjective, verb)</b> <b>lien</b></p>	<p><b>not fatty; to incline</b>  <b>a claim on property to secure debt payment</b></p>
<p><b>leased</b> <b>least</b></p>	<p><b>rented</b>  <b>smallest in size or amount</b></p>

<b>less</b>	<b>(see fewer)</b>
<b>lessen</b>	<b>to make less</b>
<b>lesson</b>	<b>a unit to be learned or studied</b>
<b>lie</b>	<b>a falsehood; present tense of <i>lie</i></b>
<b>lye</b>	<b><i>down</i> (see <i>lay vs. lie</i> chart above) a caustic substance</b>
<b>lightening</b>	<b>to make lighter</b>
<b>lightning</b>	<b>a brilliant electric spark in the sky</b>
<b>loan</b>	<b>something lent for temporary use</b>
<b>lone</b>	<b>only, solitary</b>
<b>loose</b>	<b>opposite of <i>tight</i></b>
<b>lose</b>	<b>opposite of <i>win</i>; misplace</b>
<b>Mach</b>	<b>ratio with the speed of sound: Mach 1 = the speed of sound</b>
<b>mock</b> <b>(adjective, verb)</b>	<b>Mach 2 = twice the speed of sound artificial; ridicule</b>
<b>made</b>	<b>created</b>
<b>maid</b>	<b>cleaning lady</b>
<b>mail</b>	<b>correspondence</b>
<b>male</b>	<b>masculine; opposite of <i>female</i></b>
<b>main</b>	<b>primary, chief, leading</b>
<b>mane</b>	<b>long hair on the back of a horse or lion</b>
<b>maize</b>	<b>corn</b>
<b>maze</b>	<b>labyrinth</b>
<b>mall</b>	<b>plaza, focal point</b>
<b>maul</b>	<b>abuse, claw</b>
<b>manner</b>	<b>behavior</b>
<b>manor</b>	<b>palatial residence</b>
<b>marquee</b>	<b>canopy, shelter; projection over a theater entrance</b>
<b>marquis</b>	<b>aristocrat, nobleman</b>

<b>marry</b>	<b>to wed</b>
<b>merry</b>	<b>cheerful</b>
<b>marshal</b> (verb, noun)	<b>assemble; a judge</b>
<b>martial</b>	<b>militant, aggressive</b>
<b>may</b>	<b>(see can)</b>
<b>meat</b>	<b>animal flesh used for food</b>
<b>meet</b> (verb, noun)	<b>to connect, touch; an event</b>
<b>mete</b>	<b>administer, allot</b>
<b>medal</b>	<b>decoration, badge</b>
<b>meddle</b>	<b>to interfere unwantedly</b>
<b>metal</b>	<b>earth element</b>
<b>mettle</b>	<b>boldness</b>
<b>mind</b> (noun, verb)	<b>intelligence; obey</b>
<b>mined</b>	<b>excavated to extract ores</b>
<b>miner</b>	<b>one who excavates to extract ores</b>
<b>minor</b> (noun, adjective)	<b>someone under legal age; small</b>
<b>missed</b>	<b>failed to hit</b>
<b>mist</b>	<b>fog, fine spray</b>
<b>moan</b>	<b>lament; sound of suffering</b>
<b>mown</b>	<b>cut grass</b>
<b>mode</b>	<b>method, manner</b>
<b>mowed</b>	<b>to have cut grass</b>
<b>mood</b>	<b>an emotional state</b>
<b>moored</b>	<b>the sound a cow made</b>
<b>moose</b>	<b>an animal</b>

<b>mousse</b>	<b>type of dessert</b>
<b>morning</b>	<b>start of the day, between night</b>
<b>mourning</b>	<b>sorrow over someone's death</b>
<b>muscle</b>	<b>fibrous tissue</b>
<b>mussel</b>	<b>edible marine bivalve</b>
<b>mustard</b>	<b>yellow condiment</b>
<b>mustered</b>	<b>assembled, gathered</b>
<b>naval</b>	<b>pertaining to ships</b>
<b>navel</b>	<b>belly button, umbilicus</b>
<b>need</b>	<b>(see knead)</b>
<b>new</b>	<b>(see knew)</b>
<b>night</b>	<b>(see knight)</b>
<b>no</b>	<b>(see know)</b>
<b>none</b>	<b>not one, not any</b>
<b>nun</b>	<b>female member of a religious order</b>
<b>nose</b>	<b>(see knows)</b>
<b>not</b>	<b>(see knot)</b>
<b>number</b>	<b>(see amount)</b>
<b>oar</b>	<b>a blade for rowing</b>
<b>or</b>	<b>conjunction</b>
<b>ore</b>	<b>metal-bearing mineral or rock</b>
<b>odd</b>	<b>(see awed)</b>
<b>of</b>	<b>(see have)</b>
<b>on to vs. onto</b>	<b>Use <i>onto</i> if you can add <i>up</i> before <i>on</i>. <i>Examples: He climbed (up) onto the roof.</i> <i>She held on to her child in the crowd.</i></b>
<b>one</b>	<b>single unit</b>

won	past tense of <i>win</i>
oral	(see <i>aural</i> )
ordinance	a law
ordnance	military weapons and ammunition
our	(see <i>hour</i> )
overdo	to do to excess
overdue	past due
packed	past tense of <i>pack</i>
pact	an agreement or treaty
pail	bucket
pale	lacking color
pain	physical or emotional suffering
pane	a plate of glass or panel
pair	two of something
pare	to remove or peel
pear	type of fruit
palate	roof of the mouth; taste
pallet	a low, portable platform
palette	a range of colors; a board to hold and mix colors
passed	past tense of <i>pass</i>
past	the time before the present
patience	willingness to wait
patients	people under medical care
pause	a temporary stop
paws	animal feet
peace	calm
piece	a portion of something
peak	top of a mountain
peek	glance furtively
pique	to wound someone's pride or to excite interest
pealed	rang bells

<b>peeled</b>	<b>removed a layer</b>
<b>pedal</b>	<b>foot-operated lever</b>
<b>peddle</b>	<b>to sell, hawk, or dispense</b>
<b>peer</b>	<b>person who is an equal</b>
<b>pier</b>	<b>a structure extending out over water</b>
<b>perpetrate</b>	<b>to commit, as in a crime</b>
<b>perpetuate</b>	<b>to prolong or sustain</b> <i>Example: The myth that the sun revolved around the earth was perpetuated for centuries.</i>
<b>phase</b>	<b>(see faze)</b>
<b>pi</b>	<b>3.1416, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter</b>
<b>pie</b>	<b>baked food filled with fruit or meat</b>
<b>pistil</b>	<b>female organ of a flower</b>
<b>pistol</b>	<b>type of gun</b>
<b>plain</b> (adjective, noun)	<b>not fancy; evident; simple;</b> <b>treeless area of land</b>
<b>plane</b>	<b>a flat or level surface; short for <i>airplane</i></b>
<b>pleas</b>	<b>cries for help; appeals</b>
<b>please</b>	<b>a polite word; to satisfy</b>
<b>plum</b>	<b>a type of fruit</b>
<b>plumb</b>	<b>perpendicular</b>
<b>pole</b>	<b>a long, cylindrical piece of wood or metal</b>
<b>poll</b>	<b>a collection of opinions; survey</b>
<b>pore</b>	<b>small hole</b>
<b>pour</b>	<b>to send liquid flowing</b>
<b>praise</b>	<b>express approval</b>

<b>prays</b>	<b>makes requests to God</b>
<b>preys</b>	<b>hunts for food; victimizes</b>
<b>precedence</b>	<b>priority</b>
<b>precedent</b>	<b>examples, criteria</b>
<b>s</b>	<b>chief executives</b>
<b>presidents</b>	
<b>presence</b>	<b>appearance, being present</b>
<b>presents</b>	<b>gifts; offers</b>
<b>(noun, verb)</b>	
<b>presumption</b>	<b>(see <i>assumption</i>)</b>
<b>pries</b>	<b>looks closely; wedges open</b>
<b>prize</b>	<b>award or reward</b>
<b>principal</b>	<b>head of school; chief; of first importance</b>
<b>(noun, adjective)</b>	
<b>principle</b>	<b>fundamental belief</b>
<b>profit</b>	<b>gain</b>
<b>prophet</b>	<b>predictor, seer</b>
<b>pros</b>	<b>professionals, experts</b>
<b>prose</b>	<b>literature</b>
<b>quarts</b>	<b>units of liquid measure (four quarts to a gallon)</b>
<b>quartz</b>	<b>a mineral</b>
<b>quay</b>	<b>(see <i>cay</i>)</b>
<b>queue</b>	<b>(see <i>cue</i>)</b>
<b>rain</b>	<b>water that falls in drops from the sky</b>
<b>reign</b>	<b>rule, administration</b>
<b>rein</b>	<b>bit, harness</b>
<b>raise</b>	<b>lift up</b>

<b>raze</b>	<b>flatten, tear down completely</b>
<b>rap (noun, verb)</b>	<b>a type of music; to strike sharply</b>
<b>wrap</b>	<b>to enclose in a covering</b>
<b>rapped</b>	<b>struck sharply</b>
<b>rapt</b>	<b>fascinated</b>
<b>wrapped</b>	<b>enclosed in a covering</b>
<b>read</b>	<b>present and past tenses of <i>to comprehend writing</i></b>
<b>red</b>	<b>a color</b>
<b>real</b>	<b>actual, authentic</b>
<b>reel</b>	<b>stumble, falter</b>
<b>recede</b>	<b>to move back, withdraw</b>
<b>reseed</b>	<b>to seed again</b>
<b>reek</b>	<b>to smell bad</b>
<b>wreak</b>	<b>to cause trouble <i>wreak havoc</i></b>
<b>regardless</b>	<b>(see <i>irregardless</i>)</b>
<b>rest</b>	<b>relax</b>
<b>wrest</b>	<b>take from</b>
<b>retch</b>	<b>vomit</b>
<b>wretch</b>	<b>lowly being, scoundrel</b>
<b>review</b>	<b>survey</b>
<b>revue</b>	<b>a satirical show</b>
<b>right</b>	<b>correct; opposite of <i>left</i></b>
<b>rite</b>	<b>ritual, ceremony</b>
<b>write</b>	<b>to compose letters or words</b>
<b>ring</b>	<b>sound of a bell; jewelry worn</b>
<b>wring</b>	<b>around a finger to twist</b>
<b>road</b>	<b>street, path, highway</b>
<b>rode</b>	<b>past tense of <i>ride</i></b>
<b>rowed</b>	<b>past tense of <i>row</i></b>
<b>roe</b>	<b>fish eggs</b>

<b>row</b>	<b>aisle (pronounced like <i>oh</i>); propel with an oar (pronounced like <i>oh</i>); fight (pronounced like <i>wow</i>)</b>
<b>role</b> <b>roll (noun, verb)</b>	<b>part in a play or film</b> <b>a bun; to rotate</b>
<b>roomer</b> <b>rumor</b>	<b>one who rents a room</b> <b>innuendo, gossip</b>
<b>root</b> <b>rout</b> <b>route</b>	<b>base of a plant</b> <b>defeat (pronounced <i>rowt</i>)</b> <b>path (pronounced like <i>root</i> or <i>rowt</i>)</b>
<b>rot</b> <b>wrought</b>	<b>decay, decompose</b> <b>accomplished</b>
<b>rote</b> <b>wrote</b>	<b>by memory, formula</b> <b>past tense of <i>write</i></b>
<b>rude</b> <b>rued</b>	<b>impolite, unmannerly</b> <b>regretted, repented</b>
<b>rye</b> <b>wry</b>	<b>seed from a grain</b> <b>mocking, ironic, droll</b>

<b>sacks</b> <b>sax</b>	<b>large bags</b> <b>saxophone</b>
<b>saver</b> <b>savor</b>	<b>one who saves</b> <b>to appreciate a taste</b>
<b>scene</b> <b>seen</b>	<b>a view, a setting</b> <b>to have viewed with eyes</b>
<b>scent</b>	<b>(see <i>cent</i>)</b>

<b>sea</b> <b>see</b>	<b>a body of salt water</b> <b>to view with eyes</b>
<b>seam</b> <b>seem</b>	<b>line formed by pieces of fabric</b> <b>sewn together</b> <b>appear</b>
<b>sear</b> <b>seer</b> <b>sere</b>	<b>scorch, burn, or char</b> <b>one who sees (as in the</b> <b>future)</b> <b>withered, dry</b>
<b>seas</b> <b>sees</b> <b>seize</b>	<b>bodies of salt water</b> <b>views with eyes</b> <b>to grab hold of</b>
<b>seed</b>	<b>(see <i>cede</i>)</b>
<b>sell</b>	<b>(see <i>cell</i>)</b>
<b>semiannual</b>	<b>(see <i>biannual</i>)</b>
<b>sensor</b>	<b>(see <i>ensor</i>)</b>
<b>sent</b>	<b>(see <i>cent</i>)</b>
<b>serf</b> <b>surf (noun,</b> <b>verb)</b>	<b>slave</b> <b>breaking waves; to ride a</b> <b>surfboard</b>
<b>serial</b>	<b>(see <i>cereal</i>)</b>
<b>set</b> <b>sit</b>	<b>one sets a thing</b> <b><i>Example: Please set the table.</i></b> <b>one sits oneself</b> <b><i>Example: Please sit down at</i></b> <b><i>the table.</i></b>
<b>sew</b>	<b>to stitch</b>

<b>so</b> <b>sow</b>	<b>in the manner indicated</b> <b>to scatter or plant seed</b>
<b>sewer</b> <b>suer</b>	<b>a conduit for carrying off</b> <b>waste</b> <b>one who sues</b>
<b>shear</b> <b>sheer</b>	<b>to cut</b> <b>transparent</b>
<b>shoe</b> <b>shoo</b>	<b>foot attire</b> <b>interjection used to scare away</b> <b>an animal</b>
<b>shoot</b>	<b>(see <i>chute</i>)</b>
<b>sic</b>  <b>sick</b>	<b>a Latin term used to indicate</b> <b>that something written is</b> <b>intentionally left in the original</b> <b>form, which may be incorrect.</b> <b><i>Example: She wrote, "They</i></b> <b><i>made there [sic] beds."</i></b> <b>ill</b>
<b>sics</b> <b>six</b>	<b>attacks</b> <b>a number</b>
<b>sight</b>	<b>(see <i>cite</i>)</b>
<b>sign</b> <b>sine</b>	<b>an indication</b> <b>a trigonometry term</b>
<b>since</b>	<b>see <i>because</i></b>
<b>sink</b>  <b>synch or</b> <b>sync</b>	<b>to submerge; to descend to a</b> <b>lower level; where you wash</b> <b>dirty clothes</b> <b>to synchronize, to coincide or</b>

	<b>match up</b>
<b>site</b>	<b>(see cite)</b>
<b>slay</b> <b>sleigh</b>	<b>kill</b> <b>snow vehicle, sled</b>
<b>sleight</b> <b>slight</b>	<b>cunning, skill</b> <b>slender, of little substance</b>
<b>slew</b> <b>slough</b>	<b>past tense of <i>slay</i></b> <b>swamp (pronounced <i>slew</i> or <i>slau</i>)</b>
<b>soar</b> <b>sore</b>	<b>to fly at great height</b> <b>in pain</b>
<b>soared</b> <b>sword</b>	<b>flew at great height</b> <b>a bladed weapon</b>
<b>sole</b> <b>soul</b>	<b>bottom of foot; lone</b> <b>the spiritual part of humans</b>
<b>some</b> <b>sum</b>	<b>a certain unspecified number</b> <b>the total from adding numbers</b>
<b>son</b> <b>sun</b>	<b>male offspring</b> <b>star that is the central body of the solar system</b>
<b>sonny</b> <b>sunny</b>	<b>diminutive of <i>son</i></b> <b>lit or warmed by the sun;</b> <b>cheerful</b>
<b>spade</b> <b>spayed</b>	<b>digging tool</b> <b>to have removed the ovaries of an animal</b>
<b>staid</b>	<b>solemn, serious</b>

<b>stayed</b>	<b>remained, waited</b>
<b>stair</b> <b>stare</b>	<b>step</b> <b>to look without blinking</b>
<b>stake</b> <b>steak</b>	<b>a pole</b> <b>cut of meat</b>
<b>stationary</b> <b>stationery</b>	<b>in one place</b> <b>writing paper</b>
<b>steal</b> <b>steel (noun,</b> <b>adjective)</b>	<b>rob</b> <b>iron alloy; determined</b>
<b>step (verb,</b> <b>noun)</b> <b>steppe</b>	<b>moving by lifting the foot;</b> <b>degree</b> <b>vast grasslands</b>
<b>stile</b> <b>style</b>	<b>turnstile, passageway</b> <b>fashion</b>
<b>straight</b> <b>strait</b>	<b>not curved or bent</b> <b>narrow passage of water</b> <b>connecting two bodies of</b> <b>water</b>
<b>succor</b> <b>sucker</b>	<b>relief, assistance</b> <b>fool</b>
<b>suede</b> <b>swayed</b>	<b>leather finished with a soft,</b> <b>napped surface</b> <b>past tense of <i>sway</i>; persuaded</b>
<b>suite</b> <b>sweet</b>	<b>a connected series of rooms</b> <b>opposite of <i>sour</i></b>
<b>summary</b> <b>summery</b>	<b>an abstract or brief account</b> <b>of the summer</b>

<b>sundae</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>ice cream with syrup</b> <b>day of the week</b>
<b>sympathy</b>	<b>(see <i>empathy</i>)</b>
<b>tacks</b> <b>tax</b>	<b>short nails</b> <b>percent of earnings paid to the government</b>
<b>tail</b> <b>tale</b>	<b>hindmost animal appendage</b> <b>story</b>
<b>take</b>	<b>(see <i>bring</i>)</b>
<b>tare</b> <b>tear (verb)</b>	<b>allowance for the weight of packaging</b> <b>rip, pull apart</b>
<b>taught</b> <b>taut</b>	<b>past tense of <i>teach</i></b> <b>tightly stretched</b>
<b>tea</b> <b>tee</b>	<b>a beverage</b> <b>a peg from which a golf ball is hit</b>
<b>team</b> <b>teem</b>	<b>group playing on the same side in a game</b> <b>swarm</b>
<b>tear (noun)</b> <b>tier</b>	<b>salt water coming from eyes when sad (pronounced like <i>ear</i>)</b> <b>a row or layer</b>
<b>tense</b> <b>tents</b>	<b>nervous strain</b> <b>portable shelters used for camping</b>
<b>than</b>	<b>used for comparison</b>

<b>then</b>	<b>indicates time, answers <i>when</i></b>
<b>their</b> <b>there</b> <b>they're</b>	<b>possessive pronoun</b> <b>location</b> <b>contraction for <i>they are</i></b>
<b>threw</b> <b>through</b>	<b>past tense of <i>throw</i></b> <b>in one end and out the other</b>
<b>throes</b> <b>throws</b>	<b>agonizing struggles</b> <b>tosses, hurls</b>
<b>throne</b> <b>thrown</b>	<b>royal seat or office</b> <b>was tossed</b>
<b>thyme</b> <b>time</b>	<b>herb of the mint family</b> <b>past, present, future</b> <b>sequences of events</b>
<b>ticks</b> <b>tics</b>	<b>parasites; sounds of a clock</b> <b>facial twitches</b>
<b>tide</b> <b>tied</b>	<b>ebb and flow of the ocean</b> <b>past tense of <i>tie</i></b>
<b>to</b> <b>too</b> <b>two</b>	<b>in the direction of, toward;</b> <b>used with the infinitive form of</b> <b>verbs (<i>to go, to run, to hit</i>)</b> <b>also, to an extensive degree</b> <b><i>Example: It is too hot to jog.</i></b> <b>the number after <i>one</i></b>
<b>toad</b> <b>toed</b> <b>towed</b>	<b>similar to a frog</b> <b>having a toe</b> <b>pulled, hauled</b>
<b>told</b> <b>tolled</b>	<b>said</b> <b>sounded a bell</b>

<b>tort</b> <b>torte</b>	<b>a breach of contract</b> <b>a rich cake made with little or no flour</b>
<b>tracked</b> <b>tract</b>	<b>followed</b> <b>an extended area of land; a political or religious pamphlet</b>
<b>troop</b> <b>troupe</b>	<b>a body of soldiers</b> <b>a group of traveling performers</b>
<b>vain</b> <b>vane</b> <b>vein</b>	<b>excessively concerned about one's appearance</b> <b>a blade moved by wind as in <i>weather vane</i></b> <b>blood vessel</b>
<b>vary</b> <b>very</b>	<b>to change or alter</b> <b>extremely</b>
<b>verses</b> <b>versus</b>	<b>lines of poetry</b> <b>as compared to another choice; against</b>
<b>vial</b> <b>vile</b>	<b>small container for holding liquids</b> <b>repulsive, depraved</b>
<b>vice</b> <b>vise</b>	<b>bad habit; immoral practice</b> <b>device used to hold an object firmly</b>
<b>wade</b> <b>weighed</b>	<b>to walk through water</b> <b>to have put on a scale</b>
<b>wail</b> <b>whale</b>	<b>mournful cry</b> <b>marine mammal</b>

<b>waist waste</b>	<b>narrowest part of the human torso (usually) to squander or spend uselessly</b>
<b>wait weight</b>	<b>to be available or ready quantity of heaviness or mass</b>
<b>waiver waver</b>	<b>a relinquishment of some right to feel indecisive; vary</b>
<b>warn worn</b>	<b>to notify carried on the body; deteriorated</b>
<b>warrantee warranty</b>	<b>person who is given a written guarantee written guarantee</b>
<b>way weigh</b>	<b>direction to measure mass</b>
<b>weak week</b>	<b>lacking strength seven days starting with Sunday</b>
<b>wear where</b>	<b>to carry on the body in what place?</b>
<b>weather whether</b>	<b>state of the atmosphere in a location if</b>
<b>weave we've</b>	<b>to interlace thread or yarn to make a fabric contraction for <i>we have</i></b>
<b>went</b>	<b>(see <i>gone</i>)</b>
<b>were</b>	<b>past tense of <i>are</i></b>

<b>we're</b>	<b>contraction for <i>we are</i></b>
<b>wheeled</b> <b>wield</b>	<b>moved on wheels</b> <b>to exercise power; to handle a</b> <b>weapon effectively</b>
<b>which</b> <b>witch</b>	<b>what one?</b> <b>sorceress</b>
<b>while</b> <b>wile</b>	<b>during or in the time that</b> <b>a trick to fool, trap, or entice</b>
<b>whine</b> <b>wine</b>	<b>complaining cry</b> <b>fermented grape juice that</b> <b>becomes an alcoholic beverage</b>
<b>whined</b> <b>wind</b>  <b>wined</b>	<b>past tense of <i>whine</i>,</b> <b>complained</b> <b>what one does to keep a watch</b> <b>ticking on time (pronounced</b> <b>like <i>kind</i>); air current</b> <b>(pronounced like <i>sinned</i>)</b> <b>to supply with wine</b>
<b>whirled</b> <b>world</b> <b>whorled</b>	<b>spun rapidly</b> <b>planet Earth</b> <b>shaped like a coil</b>
<b>whole</b>	<b>(see <i>hole</i>)</b>
<b>wholly</b>	<b>(see <i>holy</i>)</b>
<b>who's</b>  <b>whose</b>	<b>contraction for <i>who is</i></b> <b><i>Example: Who's at the door?</i></b> <b>possessive case of <i>who</i></b> <b><i>Example: Whose coat is this?</i></b>
<b>won</b>	<b>(see <i>one</i>)</b>

wont (adjective, noun) won't	accustomed; habit contraction for <i>will not</i>
wood would	tree trunk material expressing an intention <i>Example: I would if I could.</i>
wrap	(see <i>rap</i> )
wrapped	(see <i>rapt</i> )
wreak	(see <i>reek</i> )
wrest	(see <i>rest</i> )
wretch	(see <i>retch</i> )
wring	(see <i>ring</i> )
write	(see <i>right</i> )
wrote	(see <i>rote</i> )
wrought	(see <i>rot</i> )
wry	(see <i>rye</i> )
yoke yolk	harness for oxen yellow center of an egg
yore you're your	long past contraction for <i>you are</i> possessive pronoun

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