

Commonly Confused English Words

Quick distinctions that prevent common writing and speaking mistakes.

Know the difference

Words	Meaning difference	Your example
accept / except	receive / excluding	_____
advice / advise	noun / verb	_____
affect / effect	influence / result	_____
borrow / lend	take temporarily / give temporarily	_____
bring / take	move here / move there	_____
choose / chose	present / past	_____
desert / dessert	dry place / sweet course	_____
do / make	perform / create	_____
farther / further	distance / additional	_____
fewer / less	countable / noncount	_____
hear / listen	perceive / pay attention	_____
its / it's	belonging / it is	_____
lay / lie	place something / recline	_____
lose / loose	misplace / not tight	_____
maybe / may be	perhaps / might be	_____
quiet / quite	little sound / very	_____
rise / raise	go up / lift something	_____
then / than	next / comparison	_____
their / there / they're	belonging / place / they are	_____
to / too / two	direction / also / number	_____
weather / whether	climate / choice	_____
who's / whose	who is / belonging	_____
your / you're	belonging / you are	_____

How to practice

Cover one column, answer aloud, then write a sentence that is true for you. Review missed items tomorrow and again one week later.