

# Easily Confused Words

Mark a cross (X) to the incorrect sentence in each pair. Put the correct word in the blank.

Part of speech

Phonetic transcription for particularly confusing words

A word that is pronounced the same as another word but has a different meaning

Definitions

## 1. prey (n.) /preɪ/ pray (v.) Homophone

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**Prey:** a creature being targeted as food to be hunted and be killed; **Pray:** to speak to a god

- A. The lion has been stalking its **pray** for nearly an hour.
- B. I usually **pray** before going to bed at night.

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## 2. adapt (v.) /ə'dæpt/ adept (adj.) /ə'dept/

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**Adapt:** to change one's behaviour to cope more successfully with a new situation; **Adept:** good at something that requires knowledge or skill

- A. It took her nearly a month to fully **adept** to the new environment.
- B. My younger sister is **adept** at painting portraits.

## 3. herd (n.) herb (n.)

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**Herd:** a large group of animals of the same species that live together; **Herb:** a plant whose leaves are used in cooking or in medicine

- A. A great **herb** of elephants gathered by the lake.
- B. A **herd** of cows are eating grass leisurely on the ranch.

## 4. supper (n.) super (adv.)

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**Supper:** a meal eaten in the evening; **Super:** extremely

- A. My brother and I usually do the dishes after **supper**.
- B. Everybody was **supper** tired after the camping trip.

## 5. custom (n.) /'kʌstəm/ costume (n.) /'kɒstju:m/

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**Custom:** an accepted way of doing things in a society; **Costume:** clothes worn to recreate the appearance characteristic of a particular period or thing

- A. It is our family **costume** to say grace before a meal.
- B. The children attended the Halloween party in monster **costumes**.

## 6. threat (n.) /θret/ treat (n.) /tri:t/

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**Threat:** the possibility of danger; **Treat:** something pleasant, arranged or bought for someone

- A. Alcohol, when placed near fire, has the **threat** of causing explosion.
- B. Polar bears are under the **treat** of extinction.

**7. attitude** (n.) /'ætɪtʃu:d / **aptitude** (n.) /'æptɪtʃu:d /

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**Attitude:** the way one behaves towards something that reflects one's thoughts about it;

**Aptitude:** a natural ability

- A. Nora has an **attitude** for singing. She has won numerous contests. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. A positive **attitude** towards life is essential to healthy living. \_\_\_\_\_

**8. in danger** (idm.) **dangerous** (adj.)

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**In danger:** in a situation where harm or loss of life is possible; **Dangerous:** likely to cause harm or injury

- A. It is **dangerous** to cycle on a highway. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. A lot of animal species are now **dangerous** due to human activity. \_\_\_\_\_

**9. companion** (n.) **accompany** (v.)

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**Companion:** a person or animal who spends a lot of time with someone; **Accompany:** to go somewhere with someone as a companion

- A. Both Aaron and Adrian are my travelling **companions**. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Thank you so much for being such a great **accompany**. \_\_\_\_\_

**10. trail** (n.) **trial** (n.)

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**Trail:** an established path through the countryside; **Trial:** a test to find out whether something is effective, suitable or safe

- A. This weedy **trial** leads to a dense pine forest. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The Dragon's Back is not a strange **trail** to those who hike. \_\_\_\_\_

**11. session** (n.) /'seʃn / **section** (n.) /'sekʃn /

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**Session:** a period of time arranged for an activity; **Section:** one part of something

- A. There will be a training **section** for interested students next week. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. We will have a Q&A **session** after the talk. \_\_\_\_\_

**12. quality** (n.) **quantity** (n.)

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**Quality:** the degree of something's excellence; **Quantity:** an indefinite amount of something

- A. Only a small **quantity** of evidence can be found in the house. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. This sports centre has a large **quality** of gym equipment. \_\_\_\_\_