

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 transcriptions for particularly confusing words

Definitions

1. **averse** (adj.) /ə'vɜːs/ **adverse** (adj.) /'ædvɜːs/

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Averse: strongly disliking; **Adverse**: having a negative effect on something

- A. Drug abuse can have **adverse** effects on one's health. _____
- B. She is **adverse** to ginger because of its pungent taste. _____

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2. **evolve** (v.) /ɪ'vɒlv/ **involve** (v.) /ɪn'vɒlv/

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Evolve: to develop gradually; **Involve**: to make someone a participant of something

- A. Her online store has recently **involved** into a retail store. _____
- B. The police suspect that John was **involved** in a suspected arson attack. _____

3. **believe** (v.) /bɪ'liːv/ **belief** (n.) /bɪ'liːf/

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Believe: to think that something is true; **Belief**: an idea that one considers to be true

- A. Dory **believes** that her brother has eaten her muffin. _____
- B. There are **believes** that fairies exist somewhere in the woods. _____

4. **quirky** (adj.) **quickly** (adv.)

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Quirky: strange in appearance, character and behaviour; **Quickly**: at a high speed

- A. Shelly is running **quickly** to get to school in time. _____
- B. Andy is leaving the classroom **quirky**. He must be up to something. _____

5. **launch** (n.) **lunch** (n.)

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Launch: the time when something new is made available or known; **Lunch**: a meal that is usually eaten in the middle of the day

- A. **Launch** is ready. Come quickly! _____
- B. She will sign autographs at the **launch** of the movie. _____

6. **retrieve** (v.) **receive** (v.)

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Retrieve: to find and get back something; **Receive**: to get or be given something

- A. My dog **retrieved** the ball that I had tossed into the bushes. _____
- B. The technician was able to **receive** the deleted data from the laptop. _____

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

7. dairy (adj.) daily (adj.)

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Dairy: relating to milk or products made from milk, such as cheese; **Daily:** happening every day

- A. One of my *dairy* habits is to drink milk in the morning. _____
- B. Amelia only buys local *dairy* products. _____

8. practice (n.) /præktɪs/ practise (v.) Homophone

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Practice: something that is usually or regularly done; **Practise:** to do something repeatedly to become proficient

- A. Benjamin *practised* the violin every day to prepare for the school orchestra audition. _____
- B. It's common *practise* for dieters to skip breakfast. _____

9. expect (v.) except (prep.)

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Expect: to believe that something will happen; **Except:** not including somebody or something

- A. George, Christine and Joana *except* me to attend the party. _____
- B. Nutritionists *expect* us to drink eight cups of water every day. _____

10. remain (v.) remains (n.)

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Remain: to stay in the same place or in the same condition; **Remains:** parts of something that continue to exist when the other parts are used or destroyed

- A. I visited the *remain* of the major temples in Cambodia. _____
- B. The true identity of the bank robber still *remains* a mystery. _____

11. inspire (v.) aspire (v.)

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Inspire: to cause someone to have more ideas or want to do something; **Aspire:** to have a strong desire to accomplish a particular goal

- A. I *aspire* to be a physiotherapist after graduation. _____
- B. Emma Watson *inspired* me to play a part in promoting gender equality. _____

12. coordination (n.) cooperation (n.)

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Coordination: the ability to move different parts of your body together with ease;

Cooperation: the act of working together for mutual benefit

- A. Swimming is said to be able to improve eye-hand *coordination*. _____
- B. For your safety, please hold the handrails. Thank you for your *coordination*. _____