

## Most Confused Words

<b>A lot</b> – a large quantity	Vs. <b>Allot</b> , v. – to give out a specific amount
<b>Accept</b> – to receive	Vs. <b>Except</b> – with the exception of
<b>Advice</b> , n. – counsel	Vs. <b>Advise</b> , v. – to give advice
<b>Affect</b> , v. – to have an impact on	Vs. <b>Effect</b> , n. – an impact
<b>Allude</b> – make a reference to	Vs. <b>Elude</b> – to evade, be unable to be caught
<b>Allusion</b> – a reference	Vs. <b>Illusion</b> – something not real
<b>Cite</b> – attribute	Vs. <b>Site</b> – location, Sight – the ability to see
<b>Device</b> , n. – a machine	Vs. <b>Devise</b> , v. – to come up with
<b>Lay</b> – followed by a noun, e.g. <i>He lay <u>the</u> <u>book</u> down on the table.</i>	Vs. <b>Lie</b> – not followed by a noun, e.g. <i>He lies down every evening after dinner.</i>
<b>Perspective</b> – point of view	Vs. <b>Prospective</b> – possible or potential, e.g. a prospective student
<b>Precede</b> – come before (pre=before)	Vs. <b>Proceed</b> – to move along
<b>Than</b> – used for comparisons	Vs. <b>Then</b> – next; used to indicate sequence of events
<b>To</b> – indicates direction, e.g. <i>she went <u>to</u> work.</i>	Vs. <b>Too</b> – also

In addition, **know the following:**

- Could, should, would, might **have**, NOT could, should, would, might **of**
- **Supposed**, **used** to, NOT suppose, use to

Other commonly confused words that could potentially be tested:

Access vs. Excess  
 Addition vs. Edition  
 Adopt vs. Adapt  
 Afflict vs. Inflict  
 Anecdote vs. Antidote  
 Assent vs. Ascent  
 Assure vs. Ensure  
 Averse vs. Adverse  
 Collaborate vs. Corroborate  
 Conscious vs. Conscience  
 Council vs. Counsel  
 Descent vs. Dissent  
 Elicit vs. Illicit  
 Emit vs. Omit  
 Imply vs. Infer  
 Ingenious vs. Ingenuous  
 Precedent vs. President  
 Principal vs. Principle  
 Respective vs. Respectful vs. Respected  
 Simulate vs. Stimulate  
 Their vs. They're vs. There




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