

CONFUSING WORDS

accept - take in	except - other than		1
ad - advertisement	add - join, combine		2
advice - guidance	advise – recommend		3
aid - assist, assistance	aide - one who gives assistance		4
ail - to suffer poor health	ale - a beverage		5
air - atmosphere	ere - before	heir - one who inherits property	6
aisle - a passage	I'll - contraction of <i>I will</i>	isle – island	7
allusion - an indirect reference	illusion - false appearance		8
altar - table in a church	alter - to change		9
ate - past tense of <i>eat</i>	eight - the number 8		10
bail - to clear water	bail - release of a prisoner	bale - a large bundle	11
band - a ring, something that binds	band - a group	banned – prohibited	12
bare - uncovered	bear - large animal	bear - support, yield	13
bases - starting points	bases - four stations on a baseball field	basis - a basic principle	14
beat - to strike, overcome	beat - exhausted	beet - a plant with red roots	15
blew - past tense of <i>blow</i>	blue - the color		16
bread - baked food item	bred – produced		17
buy - purchase	by - near, through	bye – goodbye	18
capital - punishable by death	capital - chief city	capitol - building where legislature meets	
ceiling - top of a room	sealing - setting, fastening		20
cell - small unit	sell - to give up for money		21
cent - a penny	scent - an odor	sent - past tense of <i>send</i>	22
chews - gnaws with teeth	choose - to select		23
cite - mention, quote	sight - vision	site – place	24
coarse - rough	course - path, procedure		25
complement - make complete	compliment – praise		26
conduct - behavior	conduct - to lead		27
council - assembly	counsel - advice, to advise		28
days - plural of <i>day</i>	daze – stun		29
dear - loved one, valued	deer - the animal		30
desert - to abandon	desert - dry land	dessert - after-dinner treat	31

die - expire	dye – color	32
discreet - tactful	discrete – distinct	33
dual - double	duel – fight	34
elicit - draw out	illicit – illegal	35
eminent - distinguished	imminent – soon	36
fair - pleasing, impartial	fair - gathering, exhibition fare - fee for transportation	37
find - locate	fined - charged (past tense of fine)	38
fir - a pine tree	fur - a coat or covering	39
flea - insect	flee - to escape	40
flour - milled wheat	flower – plant	41
for - (preposition)	fore - front, forward four - the number 4	42
foreword - preface	forward - related to direction	43
grate - to irritate	grate - a frame great - large, superior	44
groan - moan	grown – matured	45
hall - auditorium, dormitory	haul - to carry	46
hear - listen	here - this place	47
higher - taller, more advanced	hire - to employ	48
hoarse - rough sounding	horse - the animal	49
its - (possessive pronoun)	it's - it is	50
jam - to force or block	jam - jelly jamb - part of a door or window	51
know - to understand	no – negative	52
lead - the metal	lead - to direct led - past tense of lead (directed)	53
lessen - to decrease	lesson - an example or unit of instruction	54
lie - to recline	lie - tell an untruth lye - used in making soap	55
meat - food	meet - to encounter mete - to give out	56
miner - a worker in a mine	minor - someone under legal age minor - lesser or smaller	57
missed - past tense of <i>miss</i>	mist - a light rain	58
one - the number 1	won - past tense of <i>win</i>	59
pail - a container	pale - not bright or colorful	60
pair - two of something	pare - remove, cut back pear - the fruit	61
passed - past form of <i>pass</i>	past - a previous time past - (preposition)	62
patience - endurance	patients - people under medical care	63
peace - absence of conflict	piece - a portion	64
plain - treeless land	plain - simple, unadorned plane – aircraft	65

poor - lacking possessions	pore - to read carefully	pour - to cause to flow	66
principal - main, most important	principal - head of a school	principle – rule	67
profit - gain	prophet - someone who foretells events		68
raise - lift	rays - beams of light	raze – demolish	69
rap - knock	rap - hip-hop	wrap - cover, conceal	70
role - character, part	roll - to move forward	roll - a portion of bread	71
sail - fabric used to move a ship	sale - the act of selling		72
scene - setting or a part of a play	seen - past participle of see		73
seam - a line formed by joining two pieces	seem - to appear		74
shear - to cut	sheer – transparent		75
soar - to rise or fly	sore – hurt		76
stair - step	stare – gaze		77
stake - pointed piece of wood	steak - a slice of beef		78
stationary - unmoving	stationery - writing materials		79
tail - rear part	tale – story		80
team - group	teem - to be present in large quantity		81
threw - past tense of <i>throw</i>	through - (preposition)		82
tide - rising and falling of water	tied – fastened		83
vain - conceited, fruitless	vane - device for showing wind direction	vein - a blood vessel, streak, or crack	84
waist - mid-section of the body	waste - to spend, wear away		85
way - a course or manner	weigh - to measure		86
weak - frail, not strong	week - seven days		87
weather - atmospheric conditions	whether – if		88
whine - complain	wine - an alcoholic drink		89