

## Pair of Words

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Words which sound alike but have different spellings and meanings are called pair of words or homonyms.

No.	Words	Meanings	Sentences
1.	<b>Access</b>	a way of entering or reaching a place	I have no <b>access</b> to him.
	<b>Excess</b>	more than is necessary	<b>Excess</b> of everything is bad.
2.	<b>Adopt</b>	choose to take up, follow, or use	He decided to <b>adopt</b> a child.
	<b>Adapt</b>	become adjusted to new conditions	She has <b>adapted</b> herself to the new situation.
3.	<b>Admit</b>	to agree that something is true	I <b>admit</b> that he is not honest.
	<b>Confess</b>	to admit that you have done something wrong or illegal	We persuaded him to <b>confess</b> his crime.
4.	<b>Advice</b>	guidance or recommendations	He gave me good <b>advice</b> .
	<b>Advise</b>	offer suggestions	I <b>advise</b> you to go for a walk.
5.	<b>Enmity</b>	feelings of hate towards somebody	Her action earned her the <b>enmity</b> of others.
	<b>Amity</b>	a friendly relationship	The two families lived in perfect <b>amity</b> for many years in the same house.
6.	<b>Amoral</b>	not following any moral rules	Adnan was greedy, <b>amoral</b> and dishonest.
	<b>Immoral</b>	not considered to be good or honest	It is <b>immoral</b> to harm animals for fun.
7.	<b>Appraise</b>	to judge the quality, success, or needs of someone or something	She stepped back to <b>appraise</b> her workmanship.
	<b>Apprise</b>	inform or tell (someone)	He saw no reason to <b>apprise</b> the committee of what had happened.

8.	<b>Accede</b>	agree to a demand, request, or a treaty	He graciously <b>acceded</b> to our request.
	<b>Exceed</b>	to be greater than a particular number or amount	The cost must not <b>exceed</b> ten thousand rupees.
9.	<b>Aural</b>	connected with hearing and listening	We need <b>aural</b> help.
	<b>Oral</b>	spoken rather than written	He took an <b>oral</b> test.
10.	<b>Attention</b>	the act of listening to, looking at or thinking about something carefully	Pay <b>attention</b> to your work.
	<b>Intention</b>	a thing intended; an aim or a plan.	He has good <b>intentions</b> .
11.	<b>Avocation</b>	a hobby or a minor occupation	My favourite <b>avocation</b> is reading.
	<b>Vocation</b>	a person's employment or main occupation	I'm a carpenter by <b>vocation</b> .
12.	<b>A lot</b>	a large number or amount	He played tennis <b>a lot</b> last year.
	<b>Allot</b>	give (something) to someone.	How much money has been <b>allotted</b> to us?
13.	<b>All ready</b>	completely prepared	They are <b>all ready</b> for the big meeting.
	<b>Already</b>	before now or before a particular time in the past	I've <b>already</b> spent my salary.
14.	<b>Award</b>	a prize for something that somebody has done	He was <b>awarded</b> a medal.
	<b>Reward</b>	a thing given in recognition of service, effort, or achievement	You deserve a <b>reward</b> for being so helpful.
15.	<b>Alternate</b>	happening or following one after the other regularly	Post in some villages is distributed on <b>alternate</b> days.
	<b>Alternative</b>	a thing that you can choose to do or have out of two or more possibilities	There is no <b>alternative</b> to hard work.

16.	<b>Affect</b>	to produce a change in somebody/something	Weather <b>affects</b> everything.
	<b>Effect</b>	a change which is a result or consequence of an action or other cause	His advice cast a great <b>effect</b> on me.
17.	<b>Amiable</b>	pleasant; friendly and easy to like	Her parents seemed very <b>amiable</b> .
	<b>Amicable</b>	done or achieved in a polite or friendly way	We decided it <b>amicably</b> .
18.	<b>Angle</b>	the space between two lines or surfaces that join, measured in degrees	A triangle has three <b>angles</b> .
	<b>Angel</b>	a person who is very good and kind	Thanks dear father, you are an <b>angel</b> .
19.	<b>Anticipate</b>	to expect something	<b>Our anticipated</b> arrival time is 8:30 pm.
	<b>Expect</b>	to think or believe that something will happen	I <b>expect</b> to pass the test.
20.	<b>Besides</b>	in addition to or apart from	I have got no family <b>besides</b> my parents.
	<b>Beside</b>	next to or at the side of	The cat was sitting <b>beside</b> her baby.
21.	<b>Between</b>	in or into the space separating two or more points, objects, people, etc.	He stood <b>between</b> his mother and father.
	<b>Among</b>	in the middle	We have great love <b>among</b> ourselves.
22.	<b>Backwards</b>	towards a place or position that is behind	I lost my balance and fell <b>backwards</b> .
	<b>Backward</b>	directed or moving towards the back	I heard a noise behind me and stepped <b>backward</b> .
23.	<b>Bored</b>	feeling tired and impatient because you have lost interest	We got <b>bored</b> sitting idle.
	<b>Board</b>	a long thin piece of strong hard material	He writes on the <b>board</b> .
24.	<b>Break</b>	to be damaged and separated into two or more parts	Do not <b>break</b> your promise.

	<b>Brake</b>	a device for slowing or stopping a vehicle	Use the <b>brake</b> to stop it.
25.	<b>Breath</b>	the air that you take into your lungs and send out again	He held his <b>breath</b> .
	<b>Breathe</b>	to take air into your lungs and send it out again through your nose or mouth	He <b>breathed</b> his last yesterday.
26.	<b>Bridal</b>	connected with a bride or a wedding	She was dressed in a red <b>bridal</b> gown.
	<b>Bridle</b>	headgear to control a horse	Aslam led a horse by the <b>bridle</b> .
27.	<b>Canvas</b>	a strong heavy rough material used for making tents, sails, etc.	Use a <b>canvas</b> to cover the goods.
	<b>Canvass</b>	to ask people to support a particular person, a political party, etc.	He spent the whole month <b>canvassing</b> for votes.
28.	<b>Censured</b>	to criticize somebody severely	He was <b>censured</b> for leaking information to the press.
	<b>Censor</b>	to remove the parts of a book, film, etc. that are considered to be offensive or a political threat	This scene was cut by the <b>editor</b> board.
29.	<b>Childlike</b>	having the qualities that children usually have	She retained a <b>childlike</b> sense of wonder.
	<b>Childish</b>	behaving in a stupid or silly way	I hate her <b>childish</b> habits.
30.	<b>Clothes</b>	the things that you wear, such as trousers, dresses and jackets	They wear simple <b>clothes</b> .
	<b>Cloths</b>	material made by weaving or knitting cotton, wool, silk, etc.	He sells towels and <b>cloths</b> on the footpath.
31.	<b>Coarse</b>	rough or harsh in texture	His skin was <b>coarse</b> and dry.

	<b>Course</b>	a series of lessons or lectures on a particular subject	The <b>course</b> textbook has thirty units.
32.	<b>Complimented</b>	tell somebody that you like or admire something they have done, their appearance, etc.	She <b>complimented</b> him on his excellent English.
	<b>Complement</b>	to add to something in a way that improves it or makes it more attractive	These two ideas <b>complement</b> each other.
33.	<b>Confident</b>	feeling sure about your own ability to do things and be successful	I am <b>confident</b> of my success.
	<b>Confidante</b>	a person that you trust and whom you talk to about private or secret things	A wife is the most <b>confidante</b> for a husband.
34.	<b>Conscious</b>	aware of something; noticing something	She is very <b>conscious</b> of her weakness.
	<b>Conscience</b>	the part of your mind that tells you whether your actions are right or wrong	His <b>conscience</b> is not dead but alive.
35.	<b>Convince</b>	to make somebody/ yourself believe that something is true	She managed to <b>convince</b> even the ones against her.
	<b>Persuade</b>	to make somebody do something by giving them good reasons for doing it	The manager <b>persuaded</b> the client to buy his product.
36.	<b>Counsel</b>	a piece of advice especially given by older people or experts	It is better that you should act upon your father's <b>counsel</b> .
	<b>Council</b>	a group of people who are elected to govern an area such as a city or a county	I am a member of the union <b>council</b> .

37.	<b>Din</b>	a loud, unpleasant noise that lasts for a long time	The children were making an awful <b>din</b> .
	<b>Dine</b>	to eat dinner/ food	She likes to <b>dine</b> at restaurants.
38.	<b>Dissent</b>	the fact of having or expressing opinions that are different from those that are officially accepted	I have no <b>dissent</b> in this case.
	<b>Descent</b>	an action of coming or going down	<b>Descent</b> is easier than ascent.
39.	<b>Diary</b>	a book in which you can write down the experiences you have each day, your private thoughts, etc.	He lost his <b>diary</b> .
	<b>Dairy</b>	milk, cheese and other milk products	We buy milk at the <b>dairy</b> .
40.	<b>Dessert</b>	sweet food eaten at the end of a meal	After dinner, we have ice cream as a <b>dessert</b> .
	<b>Desert</b>	a large area of land that has very little water and very few plants growing on it	<b>Deserts</b> are full of sand.
41.	<b>Devise</b>	to invent something new or a new way of doing something	He <b>devised</b> a new gadget.
	<b>Device</b>	an object or a piece of equipment that has been designed to do a particular job	The internet has complex <b>devices</b> .
42.	<b>Die</b>	to stop living	He <b>died</b> yesterday.
	<b>Dye</b>	to change the colour of something, especially by using a special liquid or a substance	She <b>dyed</b> her hair.
43.	<b>Economic</b>	connected with the trade, industry and development of wealth of a country, an area or a society	Our <b>economic</b> condition is not good.

	<b>Economical</b>	providing good service or value in relation to the amount of time or money spent	Be <b>economical</b> in every work.
44.	<b>Elect</b>	to choose somebody to do a particular job by voting for them	The party <b>elected</b> her leader in 2017.
	<b>Select</b>	to choose somebody from a group of people or things, usually according to a system	He <b>selected</b> a good place for a camp.
45.	<b>Elicit</b>	to get information or a reaction from somebody, often with difficulty	My question <b>elicited</b> no response.
	<b>Illicit</b>	not allowed by law	He was involved in an <b>illicit</b> affair.
46.	<b>Eminent</b>	famous and respected, especially in a particular profession	He studies in an <b>eminent</b> university.
	<b>Imminent</b>	likely to happen very soon	His death is <b>imminent</b> .
47.	<b>Entomology</b>	the scientific study of insects	He decided to specialize in <b>entomology</b> .
	<b>Etymology</b>	the study of the origin and history of words and their meanings	She developed an interest in <b>etymology</b> .
48.	<b>Especially</b>	more with one person, thing, etc. than with others, or more in particular circumstances than in others	He was <b>especially</b> concerned about the contract.
	<b>Specially</b>	for a particular purpose, person, etc.	The speech was written <b>specially</b> for the occasion.
49.	<b>Everyday</b>	(adjective) used or happening daily or regularly; ordinary	I learn English <b>everyday</b> .
	<b>Every day</b>	(adverb) used or happening each day	The library is open <b>every day</b> .
50.	<b>Explicit</b>	clear and easy to understand	They were given <b>explicit</b> instructions.

	<b>Implicit</b>	suggested without being directly expressed	There was clearly an <b>implicit</b> criticism.
51.	<b>Farther</b>	at or to a greater distance in space or time	He went <b>farther</b> than I.
	<b>Further</b>	more; additional	He demanded <b>further</b> cash.
52.	<b>Fewer</b>	a small number of people, things or places; some	No <b>fewer</b> than ten men came there.
	<b>Less</b>	a smaller amount of	A bike needs <b>less</b> fuel.
53.	<b>Formerly</b>	in the past	He was <b>formerly</b> a teacher here.
	<b>Formally</b>	in a very correct way that is suitable for official or important occasions	The deal will be <b>formally</b> announced on Tuesday.
54.	<b>Fourth</b>	ordinal number (4 <sup>th</sup> )	It's her <b>fourth</b> birthday.
	<b>Forth</b>	(from a place) out or away, or (from a point in time) forward	He went <b>forth</b> to spread the news.
55.	<b>Heard</b>	be told or informed of	He <b>heard</b> the news of his failure.
	<b>Herd</b>	a large group of animals	He owned a <b>herd</b> of cattle.
56.	<b>Healthful</b>	good for your health	Eat <b>healthful</b> food.
	<b>Healthy</b>	having good health and not likely to become ill	He looked handsome and <b>healthy</b> .
57.	<b>Heroine</b>	a girl or a woman who is admired by many for doing something brave or good	The hero married the <b>heroine</b> .
	<b>Heroin</b>	a powerful illegal drug made from morphine, that some people take for pleasure and can become addicted to it	<b>Heroin</b> is harmful to life.
58.	<b>Horde</b>	a large crowd of people	A <b>horde</b> of tourists entered the museum.



	<b>Hoard</b>	a collection of money, food, valuable objects, etc.	He kept a little <b>hoard</b> of chocolates.
59.	<b>Hour</b>	60 minutes; one of the 24 parts that a day is divided into	An <b>hour</b> has sixty minutes.
	<b>Our</b>	belonging to us; connected with us	This is <b>our</b> school.
60.	<b>Illusion</b>	a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation	This movie is full of <b>illusions</b> .
	<b>Allusion</b>	something that is said or written that refers to or mentions another person or subject in an indirect way	He made an <b>allusion</b> to his lameness.
61.	<b>Immigrate</b>	to come and live permanently in a country after leaving your own country	He <b>immigrated</b> to Pakistan.
	<b>Emigrate</b>	to leave your own country to go and live permanently in another country	My grandfather <b>emigrated</b> from Pakistan.
62.	<b>Incredulous</b>	not willing or not able to believe something; showing a lack of ability to believe something	I don't trust <b>incredulous</b> fellow.
	<b>Incredible</b>	impossible or very difficult to believe	The movie tells an <b>incredible</b> story of survival.
63.	<b>Inflicted</b>	to make somebody suffer something unpleasant	The suffering <b>inflicted</b> on children was unimaginable.
	<b>Afflicted</b>	to affect somebody in an unpleasant or harmful way	Severe illness has <b>afflicted</b> the region.
64.	<b>Ingenuous</b>	honest, innocent and willing to trust people	He seemed too <b>ingenuous</b> for a reporter.
	<b>Ingenious</b>	very suitable for a particular purpose and	She was <b>ingenious</b> at finding ways to work more quickly.

		resulting from clever new ideas	
65.	<b>Intensive</b>	involving a lot of work or activity done in a short time	He is in the <b>intensive</b> care unit.
	<b>Extensive</b>	covering a large area; great in amount	He made an <b>extensive</b> study.
66.	<b>Latest</b>	the most recent or the newest thing or a piece of news	What is the <b>latest</b> score?
	<b>Last</b>	happening or coming after all other similar things or people	She died <b>last</b> year.
67.	<b>Lightning</b>	a flash, or several flashes, of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity	Thundering follows <b>lightning</b> .
	<b>Lightening</b>	to become or make something become brighter or lighter in colour	<b>Lightening</b> the load causes relief.
68.	<b>Luxuriant</b>	growing thickly and strongly in a way that is attractive	Tall, <b>luxuriant</b> plants grew along the river bank.
	<b>Luxurious</b>	very comfortable; containing expensive things that give pleasure	The house is <b>luxuriously</b> furnished and carpeted.
69.	<b>Martial</b>	connected with fighting or war	<b>Martial</b> law has now been lifted.
	<b>Marital</b>	connected with marriage or with the relationship between a married couple	What is your <b>marital</b> status?
70.	<b>Medal</b>	a flat piece of metal, usually like a coin in shape, that is given to the winner of a competition or to somebody who has been brave, for example in war	I have won many <b>medals</b> .

	<b>Meddle</b>	to involve yourself in something that should not really involve you	Do not <b>meddle</b> in my affairs.
71.	<b>Moral</b>	connected with principles of right and wrong behaviour	What is the <b>moral</b> lesson of this story?
	<b>Morale</b>	the amount of confidence and enthusiasm, etc. that a person or a group has at a particular time	Their <b>morale</b> is high.
72.	<b>Naval</b>	connected with the navy of a country	He is a retired <b>naval</b> officer.
	<b>Navel</b>	the small round part in the middle of the stomach, on the front of somebody's body, where the umbilical cord is cut on birth	<b>Navel</b> supplies the children with food.
73.	<b>Now</b>	(at) the present time	I need honey <b>now</b> .
	<b>Know</b>	to have information in your mind as a result of experience or because you have learned or been told it	I don't <b>know</b> it.
74.	<b>Parameter</b>	something that decides or limits the way in which something can be done	The <b>parameters</b> of available agreement are known.
	<b>Perimeter</b>	the outside edge of an area of land	The soldiers defended the <b>perimeter</b> of the camp.
75.	<b>Patience</b>	the ability to stay calm and accept a delay or something annoying without complaining	Have <b>patience</b> to get your share?
	<b>Patient</b>	a person who is receiving medical treatment, especially in a hospital	The <b>patient</b> died in the hospital.
76.	<b>Peace</b>	a situation or a period of time in which there	We stand for <b>peace</b> .

		is no war or violence in a country or an area	
	<b>Piece</b>	an amount of something that has been cut or separated from the rest of it; a standard amount of something	Give me a <b>piece</b> of paper.
77.	<b>Peak</b>	the point when somebody/something is best, most successful, strongest, etc.	Avoid driving in <b>peak</b> hours.
	<b>Peek</b>	a quick and secret look at something that you should not be looking at	I took a <b>peek</b> at the list.
78.	<b>Personnel</b>	the people who work for an organization or one of the armed forces	Over 10,000 military <b>personnel</b> were stationed in the country.
	<b>Personal</b>	your own; not belonging to or connected with anyone else	He is a <b>personal</b> friend of mine.
79.	<b>Pore</b>	a minute opening	Our body has many <b>pores</b> .
	<b>Pour</b>	to make a liquid or other substance flow from a container in a continuous stream, especially by holding the container at an angle	<b>Pour</b> water into the glass.
80.	<b>Practical</b>	connected with real situations rather than with ideas or theories	He lost his <b>practical</b> notebook.
	<b>Practicable</b>	able to be done; likely to be successful	This scheme is not <b>practicable</b> .
81.	<b>Principal</b>	most important; main	He is the <b>principal</b> of our college.
	<b>Principle</b>	a moral rule or a strong belief that	He was a man of <b>principle</b> .

		influences your actions	
82.	<b>Pray</b>	to speak to Allah (سُبْحَانَكَ وَتَعَالَى), especially to give thanks or ask for help	<b>Pray</b> for me, please.
	<b>Prey</b>	an animal, a bird, etc. that is hunted, killed and eaten by other	He fell <b>prey</b> to bad company.
83.	<b>Premier</b>	most important, famous or successful	It is our <b>premier</b> duty to take care of our health.
	<b>Premiere</b>	the first public performance of a film or play	The movie will have its <b>premiere</b> next week.
84.	<b>Proceed</b>	to continue doing something that has already been started; to continue being done	Let's <b>proceed</b> ahead.
	<b>Precede</b>	to happen before something or come before something in order	One <b>precedes</b> two.
85.	<b>Quiet</b>	without many people or much noise or activity	Be <b>quiet</b> , please.
	<b>Quit</b>	to leave your job, school, etc.	He has decided to <b>quit</b> as a manager of the team.
86.	<b>Reign</b>	the period during which a king, queen, an emperor, etc. rules	People were happy in Akbar's <b>reign</b> .
	<b>Rein</b>	a long narrow leather band that is attached to a metal bar in a horse's mouth and is held by the rider in order to control the horse	She pulled the <b>reins</b> to stop the horse.
87.	<b>Right</b>	correct for a particular situation or a thing, or for a particular person	You are <b>right</b> .

	<b>Write</b>	to make letters or numbers on a surface, especially using a pen or a pencil	<b>Write</b> it legibly.
88.	<b>Role</b>	an actor's part in a play, film, etc.	What is your <b>role</b> in this game?
	<b>Roll</b>	to turn over and over and move in a particular direction; to make a round object do this	Tears <b>rolled</b> down her cheeks.
89.	<b>Site</b>	a place where a building, town, etc. was, is or will be located	Workers are working on the <b>site</b> .
	<b>Sight</b>	the ability to see	Out of <b>sight</b> , out of mind.
90.	<b>Stationery</b>	materials for writing and for use in an office, for example, paper, pens and envelopes	They sell <b>stationery</b> .
	<b>Stationary</b>	not moving; not intended to be moved	The sun is <b>stationary</b> .
91.	<b>Than</b>	used to introduce the second part of a comparison	He is taller <b>than</b> I.
	<b>Then</b>	used to refer to a particular time in the past or future	He lay <b>then</b> slept.
92.	<b>There</b>	in, at or to that place or position	<b>There</b> is nothing in the glass.
	<b>Their</b>	of or belonging to people, animals or things that have already been mentioned or are easily identified	Which is <b>their</b> house?
93.	<b>Too</b>	used before adjectives and adverbs to say that something is more than is good,	He is <b>too</b> weak to walk.

		necessary, possible, etc.	
	<b>To</b>	in the direction of something; towards something	He is too weak <b>to</b> walk.
94.	<b>Waste</b>	the act of using something in a careless or unnecessary way, causing it to be lost or destroyed	Don't <b>waste</b> your time.
	<b>Waist</b>	the area around the middle of the body between the ribs and the hips, often narrower than the areas above and below	The coat is belted at the <b>waist</b> .
95.	<b>Wander</b>	to walk slowly around or to a place, often without any particular sense of purpose or direction	Do not <b>wander</b> here, please.
	<b>Wonder</b>	to think about something and try to decide what is true, what will happen, what you should do, etc.	I <b>wonder</b> , how he died at this age.
96.	<b>Whether</b>	used to express a doubt or choice between two possibilities	Do it <b>whether</b> you like it or not.
	<b>Weather</b>	the condition of the atmosphere at a particular place and time, such as the temperature, and if there is wind, rain, sun, etc.	The <b>weather</b> is fine today.



## Grammar Exercise – 7

1. Make sentences using the following pair of words (homophones) and also write their meanings.

	Words	Meanings	Sentences
a	Cattle		
	Kettle		
b	Cell		
	Sell		
c	Cite		
	Site		
d	Deer		
	Dear		
e	Council		
	Counsel		
f	Dairy		
	Diary		
g	Check		
	Cheque		
h	Ceiling		
	Sealing		
i	Berth		
	Birth		
j	Berry		
	Bury		
k	Bridal		
	Bridle		
l	Cease		
	Seize		
m	Tale		
	Tail		
n	Yolk		
	Yoke		