

COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

LOOSE means not tight. **LOSE** means to fail to win or to be unable to find something.

THEN is used to indicate a point in time. **THAN** is used to compare.

YOU'RE is a contraction of "you are." **YOUR** is the possessive form of "you."

WE'RE is a contraction of "we are." **WHERE** means location or position. **WERE** is the past tense of "are."

THEY'RE is a contraction of "they are." **THEIR** means belong to them. **THERE** is a place.

ITS is the possessive form of “it.” **IT’S** is a contraction of “it is” or “it has.”

WHO’S is a contraction of “who is” or “who has.” **WHOSE** is the possessive form of “who.”

LAY means to put or place. **LIE** means to rest or recline.

TOO means also or very. **TO** means going toward. **TWO** is the number 2 spelled out.

AFFECT means to impact on or influence. **EFFECT** is the result of an influence.

AMONG shows association or connection with 3 or more people, places, or things. **BETWEEN** separating two people, places, or things.

GONE is the past participle of “go.” Indicates departure or loss. **WENT** is the past tense of “go.”

MAY gives permission to do something. **CAN** shows the ability to do something.

HI means “hello.” **HIGH** indicates reach upward or vertically.

SEE has to do with vision. **SEA** is a body of water.

PAST means gone by or elapsed in time. **PASSED** means passing.

WEATHER has to do with rain, snow, sun, etc. **WHETHER** introduces alternatives.

ARE is the present indicative plural and 2nd person singular of “be.” **OUR** means possession.

THROUGH means to go past or beyond. **THREW** is the simple past tense of “throw.”

PRAY means prayer. **PREY** is an animal hunted for food.

HARE is a rabbit. **HAIR** is that stuff on your head.

WRITE is the act of writing. **RIGHT** good, correct; the opposite of left.

BUY means to acquire possession of something. **BY** means near or next to. **BYE** means “goodbye.”

ALoud is speaking to be heard. **ALLOWED** means being given permission.

WASTE means to fail or neglect to use; garbage. **WAIST** is a part of the human body.

ACCEPT means approval. **EXCEPT** means to exclude.

KNEW is the past tense of “know.” **NEW** means recently.

HERE means in this place. **HEAR** has to do with listening.

GRATE means irritating or unpleasant; rough scraping. **GREAT** means large in size; a high degree, power, or intensity.

WEEK is a period of seven days. **WEAK** is the opposite of strong.

SAIL is the fabric on a ship that catches the wind. **SALE** has to do with selling something.

DESERT is an area with little rainfall and sparse vegetation. **DESSERT** is cake, pie, ice cream, etc.

SCARED is being frightened. **SCARRED** is a mark left by a healed wound.

PLANE is a flat or level surface; short for “airplane.” **PLAIN** is something clear or distinct.

WHICH means “what one?” **WITCH** is a sorceress.