

# PAIRS OF WORDS WITH MEANINGS & EXAMPLES

## ACCEPT / EXCEPT

**Accept:** To receive something willingly.

- She gladly accepted the award.

**Except:** Excluding; not including.

- Everyone was invited except Tom.

## AFFECT / EFFECT

**Affect:** To influence something.

- The rain affected our plans.

**Effect:** The result of an action.

- The medicine had a quick effect.

## DESERT / DESSERT

**Desert:** A dry, barren area of land.

- The Sahara is a vast desert.

**Dessert:** Sweet

- We had cake for dessert.

## FEWER / LESS

**Fewer:** Used for countable things.

- There are fewer apples this year.

**Less:** Used for uncountable things.

- She has less time to work.

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## FORMALLY / FORMERLY



**Formally:** In a formal manner.

- She was formally introduced to the guests.

**Formerly:** Previously.

- He was formerly the manager.



## GOOD / WELL



**Good:** Describes a noun.

- She is a good artist.

**Well:** Describes a verb or health.

- He plays well.



## HEAR / HERE



**Hear:** To perceive sound.

- I can hear music.

**Here:** In this place.

- Come here right now.



## ITS / IT'S



**Its:** Possessive form of "it."

- The dog wagged its tail.

**It's:** Contraction of "it is" or "it has."

- It's a sunny day.



## LAY / LIE

**Lay:** To put something down.

- Lay the book on the table.

**Lie:** To rest or recline.

- He lies on the couch.



## LOOSE / LOSE



**Loose:** Not tight or fixed.

- The screw is loose.

**Lose:** To misplace something.

- I hope I don't lose my keys.



## PRINCIPAL / PRINCIPLE

**Principal:** Important; school leader.

- The principal made an announcement.

**Principle:** A basic truth or law.

- Honesty is a key principle.



## LATER / LATTER

**Later:** After a period of time.

- See you later!

**Latter:** The second of two mentioned items.

- I prefer the latter option.



# PAIRS OF WORDS

## Quiet / Quite

**Quiet:** Silent or calm.

The library is quiet.

**Quite:** Very or completely.

I am quite happy.

## Stationary / Stationery

**Stationary:** Not moving.

The bike remained stationary.

**Stationery:** Writing materials.

She bought new stationery.

## Weak / Week

**Weak:** Lacking strength.

He felt weak after the flu.

**Week:** Seven days.

This week has been busy.

## Your / You're

**Your:** Belonging to you.

Your shoes are nice.

**You're:** Contraction of you are.

You're very kind.

## Cite / Site

**Cite:** To mention as a source.

Please cite your references.

**Site:** A place or location.

This site is perfect for a picnic.

## Eminent / Imminent

**Eminent:** Well-known

She is an eminent scientist.

**Imminent:** About to happen.

A storm is imminent.

## Gate / Gait

**Gate:** A hinged barrier

Close the gate after you.

**Gait:** The way one walks.

She has a graceful gait.

## Metal / Medal

**Metal:** A hard, shiny material.

Gold is a valuable metal.

**Medal:** An award

He won a gold medal.