

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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