

Category Listings



Commonly Confused Expressions

These entries explain words and expressions that are, in most cases, correct in some contexts. The trouble is that they are sometimes switched for one another.

accede/exceed	appraise/apprise
accept/except	apropos/appropriate
adapt/adopt	aspect/respect
administer/minister	assure/ensure/insure
advance/advanced	augur/auger
adverse/averse	aural/oral
advice/advise	avocation/vocation
affluence/effluence	backslash/slash
alliterate/illiterate	bazaar/bizarre
allude/elude	bemuse/amuse
allude/refer	beside/besides
allusion/illusion	biweekly/semiweekly
altogether/all together	borrow/loan
ambiguous/ambivalent	both/each
ambivalent/indifferent	breach/breech
among/between	breath/breathe
amoral/immoral	bring/take
anecdote/antidote	callous/callused
anxious/eager	calls for/predicts
apart/a part	Calvary/cavalry

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cannot/can not	drive/disk
caramel/Carmel	e.g./i.e.
celibate/chaste	ecology/environment
cement/concrete	economical/economic
chunk/chuck	1800s/19th century
cite/site/sight	elapse/lapse
compare to/compare with	elicit/illicit
comprised of/composed of	emergent/emergency
continual/continuous	emigrate/immigrate
convince/persuade	eminent/imminent/immanent
core/corps/corpse	empathy/sympathy
council/counsel/consul	enormity/enormousness
credible/credulous	entitled/titled
crescendo/climax	envelop/envelope
criteria/criterion	epigram/epigraph/ epitaph/epithet
critique/criticize	exact same/exactly the same
cut and paste/copy and paste	exasperated/exacerbated
damped/dampened	farther/further
data/datum	fatal/fateful
defuse/diffuse	fearful/fearsome
depreciate/deprecate	flammable/inflammable
desert/dessert	flaunt/flout
device/devise	flesh out/flush out
differ/vary	floppy disk/hard disk
dilemma/difficulty	flounder/founder
disburse/disperse	forbidding/foreboding/formidable
disc/disk	forceful/forcible/forced
discreet/discrete	formally/formerly
disinterested/uninterested	fortuitous/fortunate
dolly/handcart	forward/forwards/foreword
dominate/dominant	g/q
done/finished	gamut/gauntlet
doubt that/doubt whether/doubt if	gibe/jibe/jive
downfall/drawback	gig/jig
downgrade/degrade/denigrate	gratis/gratuitous
dribble/drivel	

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grisly/grizzly	lustful/lusty
group (plural vs. singular)	mass/massive
hanged/hung	masseuse/masseur
healthy/healthful	medal/metal/meddle/mettle
historic/historical	media/medium
hold your peace/say your piece	medium/median
homophobic	mitigate against/militate against
hysterical/hilarious	moral/morale
idea/ideal	motion/move
if/whether	nauseous/nauseated
ignorant/stupid	oppress/repress
immaculate conception/virgin birth	Oriental/Asian
impertinent/irrelevant	overdo/overdue
imply/infer	oversee/overlook
importantly/important	palate/palette/pallet
in lieu of/in light of	parallel/symbol
incidence/incidents/instances	parameters/perimeters
install/instill	passed/past
instances/instant	peace/piece
intense/intensive	peak/peek/pique
internment/internment	perpetuate/perpetrate
Internet/intranet	persecute/prosecute
into/in to	personal/personnel
ironically/coincidentally	perspective/prospective
itch/scratch	pheasant/peasant
jerry-built/jury-rigged	phenomena/phenomenon
kick-start/jump-start	picaresque/picturesque
last name/family name	podium/lectern
later/latter	pole/poll
lay/lie	populace/populous
lead/led	pore/pour
leave/let	posses/possess
legend/myth	pray/prey
lend/loan	precede/proceed
lighted/lit	precedence/precedents
like/as if	precipitate/precipitous
lose/loose	predominate/predominant

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premier/premiere	root/rout/route
prescribe/proscribe	sail/sale/sell
presently/currently	sarcastic/ironic
pretty/somewhat	say/tell
preventive/preventative	scan/skim
principal/principle	seam/seem
progress/pass	seen/saw
prone/supine	self-worth/self-esteem
prophecy/prophesy	sense/since
prostate/prostrate	sensual/sensuous
purposely/purposefully	service/serve
quiet/quite	set/sit
rack/wrack	setup/set up
raise/rear	shall/will
ran/run	silicon/silicone
rationale/rationalization	since/because
ravaging/ravishing/ravenous	societal/social
reactionary/reactive	sojourn /journey
real/really	somewhat of a/ somewhat, something of a
rebellious/revolting	sooner/rather
recent/resent	spaded/spayed
recreate/reinvent	stalactites/stalagmites
recuperate/recoup	states/countries
refute/rebut	stomp/stamp
regard/regards	suit/suite
regime/regimen	summary/summery
regretfully/regrettably	tact/tack
reign/rein	taken back/taken aback
remuneration/renumeration	taught/taut
repel/repulse	taunt/taut
resister/resistor	tenant/tenet
retch/wretch	than/then
reticent/hesitant	that/which
revue/review	them/those
risky/risqué	these kind/this kind
rob/steal	they're/their/there
role/roll	

throne/thrown	ways/way
to/too/two	weather/wether/whether
tolled/told	were/where
toward/towards	who's/whose
troop/troupe	without further adieu/ without further ado
University of Indiana/ Indiana University	women/woman
unloosen/loosen	wont/won't
unthaw/thaw	world-renown/ world-renowned
various/several	wrongly/wrong
vary/very	ye/the
verses/versus	yea/yeah/yay
video/film	yoke/yolk
viola/voila	your/you
wary/weary/leery	your/you're
way more/far more/much more	



Of Foreign Origin

These entries explain words and phrases that are misspelled, mispronounced, or misused, often due to their foreign-language roots.

accent marks	criteria/criterion
amature/amateur	data/datum
apropos/appropriate	deja vu
bazaar/bizarre	ect./etc.
beaurocracy/bureaucracy	French dip with au jus/French dip
bonafied/bona fide	gaff/gaffe
bourgeois	genre
chai tea/chai	hoi polloi
chaise longue	hors d'oeuvres
chick/chic	laissez-faire
cliché/clichéd	Mount Fujiyama/Fujiyama
click/cliq	nieve/naive
connaissanceur/connoisseur	peak/peek/pique
coupe de gras/coup de grace	pernickety/persnickety

picaresque/picturesque	soup du jour of the day/ soup of the day
please RSVP/please reply	verses/versus
pompom/pompon	vinegarette/vinaigrette
premier/premiere	vitae/vita
Rio Grande River/Rio Grande	viola/voila
risky/risqué	whisky/whiskey
salsa sauce/salsa	Xmas/Christmas
Sierra Nevada Mountains/ Sierra Nevadas	ye/the



Grammar, Spelling & Style

These entries cover grammar, spelling, and style topics.

accent marks	both/each
accidently/accidentally	boughten/bought
acronyms & apostrophes	bouyant/buoyant
all	brang/brung/brought
all ready/already	by/'bye/buy
almost	capitalization
alright/all right	cents
among/between	Church/church
amount/number	cleanup/clean up
any	cliché /clichéd
anymore/any more	colons/semicolons
anyways/anyway	commas
apostrophes	conjunction, beginning a sentence with a
as far as/as far as . . . is concerned	conversate/converse
awhile/a while	definate/definite
backward/backwards	device/devise
bad/badly	dialogue/discuss
better	done/did
between	don't/doesn't
between you and I/ between you and me	double negatives
borrow/loan	dove/dived

drank/drunk	individual/person
drug/dragged	input
each	intensifiers
-ed/-ing	interface/interact
ei/ie	is, is
either	Islams/Muslims
either are/either is	its/it's
ellipses	lay/lie
ending a sentence with a preposition	"lite" spelling
every (plural vs. singular)	may/might
everyday	me/I/myself
fastly/fast	momentarily
'50s	near miss
first annual	none
first person	not all that/not very
from . . . to	not hardly/not at all
from the beginning of time	number of verb
-ful/-fuls	numbers
gender	of
God/god	of's
gone/went	off of
good/well	OK/okay
got/gotten	one of the (singular)
group (plural vs. singular)	only
had ought/ought	onto/on to
hanging indents	orientate/orient
heighth/height	over/more than
him, her/he, she	pair (number)
an historic/a historic	parallelism in a series
homophobic	paralyzation/paralysis
hopefully	parentheses
hyphenation	passive voice
hyphens & dashes	peoples
-ic	phenomena/phenomenon
if I was/if I were	prepone
impact	proved/proven
Indian/Native American	quotation marks

Homonyms

reference	thusly/thus
remotely close	vague reference
saw/seen	verb tense
second of all/second	very unique/unique
seen/saw	what/that
sentence fragments	whereabouts are/whereabouts is
single quotes	whether/whether or not
snuck/sneaked	whilst/while
so fun/so much fun	who/that
split infinitives	who/whom
that/which	who's/whose
that kind/that kind of	-wise
theirselves/themselves	World Wide Web
there's	would have liked to have/ would have liked
these are them/these are they	Xmas/Christmas
these kind/this kind	your/you
these ones/these	you've got mail/you have mail
they/their (singular)	



Homonyms

These entries cover words that sound alike but are not spelled alike.

adviser/advisor	close/clothes
all ready/already	coarse/course
altar/alter	Colombia/Columbia
altogether/all together	complement/compliment
anymore/any more	complementary/ complimentary
axel/axle	core/corps/corps
bare/bear	council/counsel/consul
by/'bye/buy	currant/current
canon/cannon	discreet/discrete
capital/capitol	drier/dryer
carat/caret/carrot/karat	dual/duel
cite/site/sight	dyeing/dying
cleanup/clean up	

eminent/imminent/immanent	pray/prey
fair/fare	precedence/precedents
faze/phase	premier/premiere
flair/flare	principal/principle
flak/flack	rack/wrack
for/fore/four	reign/rein
forego/forgo	resister/resistor
forward/forwards/foreword	retch/wretch
foul/fowl	revue/review
gaff/gaffe	role/roll
gibe/jibe/jive	root/rout/route
gild/guild	sail/sale/sell
hairbrained/harebrained	seam/seem
hangar/hanger	slight of hand/sleight of hand
hardy/hearty	sluff off/slough off
hear/here	stationary/stationery
heroin/heroine	stomp/stamp
hippy/hippie	suit/suite
hoard/horde	summary/summery
incidence/incidents/instances	taught/taut
into/in to	they're/their/there
its/it's	throne/thrown
leach/leech	to/too/two
lead/led	tolled/told
liable/libel	troop/troupe
mantle/mantel	vary/very
medal/metal/meddle/mettle	verses/versus
onto/on to	weather/wether/whether
palate/palette/pallet	who's/whose
passed/past	wile away/while away
peace/piece	without further adieu/ without further ado
peak/peek/pique	yea/yeah/yay
pole/poll	yoke/yolk
populace/populous	your/you're
pore/pour	



Commonly Misspelled

These entries cover words that are commonly misspelled. See the end of this list for an added list of entries covering words to be especially careful with when running a spelling checker on your computer.

absorbtion/absorption	concensus/consensus
accidently/accidentally	Confusionism/Confucianism
acrosst/accrossed/across	congradulations/congratulations
add/ad	connaissanceur/connoisseur
adultry/adultery	copywrite/copyright
adviser/advisor	cortage/cortege
all ready/already	council/counsel/consul
alot/a lot	coupe de gras/coup de grace
alright/all right	crucifiction/crucifixion
amature/amateur	defence/defense
angel/angle	definate/definite
antclimatic/antclimactic	deja vu
artical/article	desert/dessert
ashfault/asphalt	device/devise
asterick/asterisk	dialate/dilate
athiest/atheist	dieties/deities
augur/auger	dire straights/dire straits
basicly/basically	disburse/disperse
bazaar/bizarre	disc/disk
bonafied/bona fide	diswraught/distraught
bouyant/buoyant	do to/duo to
breach/breech	doctorial/doctoral
breath/breathe	doggy dog world/dog-eat-dog world
by/bye/buy	drowning/drowning
callous/callused	duck tape/duct tape
caramel/Carmel	due to the fact that/because
Ceasar/Caesar	Earth/earth/Moon/moon
chick/chic	ect./etc.
click/cliq	-ed/-t
close/clothes	electorial college/electoral college

elicit/illicit	lamblast/lambaste
email/e-mail	larynx/larynx
embaress/embarrass	laxidaisical/lackadaisical
enviroment/environment	lense/lens
epitomy/epitome	library
excaped/escape	lightening/lightning
exceptional/exceptionable	liquor
exhilation/exhilaration	LISTSERV
expecially/especially	mathmatics/mathematics
expresso/espresso	mean time/meantime
Febuary/February	medal/metal/meddle/mettle
firey/fiery	medieval ages/Middle Ages
fiscal/physical	memorium/memoriam
flustrated/frustrated	mic/mike
forsee/foresee	minature/miniature
gaurd/guard	mischievious/mischievous
genre	momento/memento
Ghandi/Gandhi	moreso/more so
government	murmer/murmur
grammer/grammar	mute point/moot point
greatful/grateful	neice/niece
grievous/grievous	nieve/naive
harbringer/harbinger	noone/no one
hone in/home in	nuptual/nuptial
hors d'oeuvres	old fashion/old-fashioned
ice tea/iced tea	ostensively/ostensibly
imbedded/embedded	paralleled/paralleled
in sink/in synch	parliment/parliament
indepth/in depth	past time/pastime
infact/in fact	peace/piece
input	peoples
interment/internment	permiscuous/promiscuous
interpretate/interpret	pernickety/persnickety
into/in to	perogative/prerogative
Isreal/Israel	perscription/prescription
Issac/Isaac	perse/per se
judgement/judgment	phenomena/phenomenon

Commonly Misspelled

Philippines/Filipinos	sometime/some time
playwrite/playwright	spaded/spayed
pompom/pompon	stain glass/stained glass
posses/possess	stationary/stationery
practice/practise	straightjacket/straitjacket
practicle/practical	summary/summery
precede/proceed	supercede/supersede
predominately/predominantly	supposably/supposingly/ supposedly
preemptory/peremptory	suppose to/supposed to
prejudice/prejudiced	supremist/supremacist
premise/premises	suttle/subtle
principal/principle	teenage/teenaged
pronunciation/pronunciation	tender hooks/tenterhooks
protray/portray	thankyou/thank you
publically/publicly	theirselves/themselves
queue	there's
quiet/quite	therefor/therefore
rapport	they're/their/there
reeking havoc/wreaking havoc	though/thought/through
regard/regards	till/until
reign/rein	to/too/two
relevant/revelant	toward/towards
remuneration/renumeration	track home/tract home
reoccurring/recurring	tradegy/tragedy
resister/resistor	troop/troupe
right of passage/rite of passage	truely/truly
risky/risqué	unconscience/unconscious
roomate/roommate	upmost/utmost
rot iron/wrought iron	use to/used to
sacred/scared	valuble/valuable
sacreligious/sacriligious	veil of tears/vale of tears
safety deposit box/ safe-deposit box	verbage/verbiage
seperate/separate	verses/versus
shepard/shepherd	villian/villain
sherbert/sherbet	vinegarette/vinaigrette
sluff off/slough off	viola/voila

visa versa/vice versa	who's/whose
visable/visible	a whole 'nother/ a completely different
vitae/vita	wholly/wholly
vocal chords/vocal cords	wholistic/holistic
volumptuous/voluptuous	wile away/while away
vulnerable/vulnerable	women/woman
warrantee/warranty	wont/won't
wary/weary/leery	world-renown/world-renowned
Wensday/Wednesday	wreckless/reckless
were/where	writing/writing
wet your appetite/ whet your appetite	ya'll/y'all
whimp/wimp	yea/yeah/yay
whisky/whiskey	your/you're

And be careful with these . . . your spelling checker won't catch them.

accept/except	sacred/scared
angel/angle	though/thought/
marital/martial	through
quiet/quite	were/where



Mangled Expressions

These entries cover words and phrases that are prone to getting mangled.

access/get access to	anyways/anyway
actual fact/actually	assumably/presumably
agreeance/agreement	awhile/a while
ahold/hold	baited breath/bated breath
aint/am not/isn't/aren't	beckon call/beck and call
all goes well/augurs well	beyond the pail/beyond the pale
all of the sudden/all of a sudden	born out of/born of
all the farther/as far as	boughten/bought
alot/a lot	bran new/brand new
anchors away/anchors aweigh	brang/brung/brought
anytime/any time	build off of/build on

Mangled Expressions

butt naked/buck naked	once and a while/once in a while
buttload/boatload	one in the same/one and the same
card shark/cardsharp	one of the only/one of the few
carrot on a stick/ the carrot or the stick	perse/per se
center around/center on/ revolve around	proof is in the pudding/proof of the pudding is in the eating
center of attraction/ center of attention	reeking havoc/wreaking havoc
cheap at half the price/ cheap at twice the price	right of passage/rite of passage
chomp at the bit/champ at the bit	road to hoe/row to hoe
could care less/could not care less	rot iron/wrought iron
cut the muster/cut the mustard	slight of hand/sleight of hand
dialogue/discuss	sluff off/slough off
down the pipe/down the pike	soup du jour of the day/ soup of the day
drug/dragged	spit and image/spitting image
due to the fact that/because	taken back/taken aback
endquote/unquote	tender hooks/tenterhooks
extracting revenge/ exacting revenge	tie me over/tide me over
far and few between/ few and far between	tongue and cheek/tongue in cheek
foul swoop/fowl swoop/fell swoop	tow the line/toe the line
in another words/ in other words	track home/tract home
in lieu of/in light of	veil of tears/vale of tears
in the fact that/in that	vicious/viscous circle/cycle
Islams/Muslims	wet your appetite/ whet your appetite
nip it in the butt/nip it in the bud	a whole 'nother/ a completely different
no sooner when/no sooner than	wile away/while away
old-timer's disease/ Alzheimer's disease	without further adieu/ without further ado
on accident/by accident	worse comes to worse/ worst comes to worst
	you've got another thing coming/ you've got another think coming



Inexact Words & Phrases

These entries cover words and phrases that are used imprecisely.

about	hero/protagonist
all	highly looked upon/highly regarded
almost	holocaust
blatant	home page
brand names	hypocritical
celibate/chaste	-ic
cement/concrete	ignorant/stupid
chemicals	immaculate conception/virgin birth
Chicano/Latino/Hispanic	impact
crescendo/climax	incredible
criticism	individual/person
decimate/annihilate, slaughter, etc.	infinite
Democrat Party/Democratic Party	intensifiers
differ/vary	issues/problems
disinterested/uninterested	kick-start/jump-start
dolly/handcart	koala bear/koala
electrocute/shock	large/important
empathy/sympathy	late/former
envious/jealous	legend/myth
ethnic	literally
exponential	mediocre
floppy disk/hard disk	motion/move
footnotes/endnotes	music/singing
for sale/on sale	only
Frankenstein	orders of magnitude
frankly	organic
from the beginning of time	Oriental/Asian
ground zero	percent decrease
grow	personality
hardly	podium/lectern
hearing-impaired/deaf	pretty/somewhat
help the problem/ help solve the problem	prioritize
	priority
	quantum leap

Pronunciation

real/really	substance-free
religion	substitute with/substitute for
religion believes/ religion teaches	surfing the Internet
satellite	times smaller
schizophrenic	today's modern society/today
self-worth/self-esteem	UFO
simplistic	unrest
so/very	vague reference
sort of	wheat/whole wheat
stereo	-wise
	ye/the



Pronunciation

These entries cover words and phrases prone to pronunciation problems.

absorbtion/absorption	drowning/drowning
accede/exceed	ecstatic
accessory	ect./etc.
acrosst/accrossed/across	-ed/-t
anticlimatic/anticlimactic	electorial college/electoral college
artic/arctic	elicit/illicit
asterick/asterisk	emigrate/immigrate
athlete	eminent/imminent/immanent
ax/ask	envelop/envelope
barb wire/bob wire/barbed wire	enviroment/environment
bourgeois	epitomy/epitome
bouyant/buoyant	escape/escape
Celtic	exceptional/exceptioable
chaise longue	expecially/especially
click/cliqne	expresso/espresso
comptroller	Febuary/February
coupe de gras/coup de grace	fiscal/physical
dialate/dilate	genre
doctorial/doctoral	government

grievous/grievous	offense/offence
harbringer/harbinger	Oregon
heighth/height	perogative/prerogative
an historic/a historic	perscription/prescription
hone in/home in	picture
Illinois	practicle/practical
integral	preemptory/peremptory
interesting	primer
interment/internment	probably
interpretate /interpret	prophecy/propesy
jewelry	racism
laissez-faire	realtor
lamblast/lambaste	recent/resent
larnyx/larynx	recognize
laxidaisical/lackadaisical	Rio Grande River/Rio Grande
library	safety deposit box/safe-deposit box
lived	specific/Pacific
lose/loose	tentative
mauve	valuble/valuable
minature/miniature	volumptuous/voluptuous
mischievious/mischievous	vunerable/vulnerable
Nevada	wash
nuclear	Wensday/Wednesday



Problem Propositions

These entries cover misused prepositions.

about	close proximity/close/
based around/based on	in proximity to
between	compare to/compare with
bored of/bored with	contrasts/contrasts with
born out of/born of	couple/couple of
build off of/build on	depends/depends on
center around/center on/	different than/different from/
revolve around	different to

Redundancies

emphasize on/emphasize	over/more than
ending a sentence with a preposition	possessed of/possessed by/
evidence to/evidence of	possessed with
for free/free	prepositions (repeated)
graduate/graduate from	prepositions (wrong)
like for/like	substitute with/
myriad of/myriad	substitute for
of	suffer with/suffer from
of/s	that kind/that kind of
off of	think on/think about
on accident/by accident	to home/at home
onto/on to	try and/try to



Redundancies

These entries cover questions of redundancy.

access/get access to	medieval ages/Middle Ages
actual fact/actually	Mount Fujiyama/Fujiyama
added bonus	of/s
and also/and, also	off of
and plus	organic
as of yet/yet	over-exaggerated/exaggerated
ATM machine/ATM	PIN number/PIN
CD-ROM disc/CD-ROM disk/	please RSVP/
CD-ROM	please reply
cents	point being is that
chai tea/chai	point in time/point, time
close proximity/close/	prepositions (repeated)
in proximity to	reason because
compare and contrast/compare	redundancies
ect./etc.	return back/return
end result/end	Rio Grande River/
French dip with au jus/French dip	Rio Grande
heading/bound	salsa sauce/salsa
HIV virus	Sierra Nevada Mountains/
irregardless/regardless	Sierra Nevadas

soup du jour of the day/
soup of the day
time period

today's modern society/today
where it's at
you've got mail/you have mail



Commonly Misused Expressions

These entries cover words and phrases that are susceptible to being used in the wrong situations, for one reason or another.

abject	decimate/annihilate, slaughter, etc.
about	Democrat Party/Democratic Party
alleged	depends/depends on
almost	disrespect
alternate/alternative	documentated/documentated
alumnus/alumni	doubt that/doubt whether/ doubt if
American	doubtlessly/doubtless
amongst/among	drastic
as far as/as far as . . . is concerned	each
as follow/as follows	either
as of yet/yet	either are/either is
as per/in accordance with	emphasize on/emphasize
begs the question	enthuse
behaviors/behavior	envious/jealous
bias/biased	ethnic
Bible	everyday
blatant	everytime/every time
borrow/loan	evidence to/evidence of
both/each	exponential
caring	expresses that/says that
catch-22/catch	factoid
chemicals	finalize/finish, put into final form
Chicano/Latino/Hispanic	first come, first serve/ first come, first served
concerted effort	floppy disk/hard disk
conflicted/conflicting feelings	foot/feet
criticism	
critique/criticize	

Commonly Misused Expressions

footnotes/endnotes	like for/like
frankly	medal/metal/meddle/mettle
fulsome	mediocre
goes	misnomer
gone/went	most always/almost always
good/well	motion/move
got/gotten	much differently/very differently
graduate/graduate from	muchly/much
ground zero	myriad of/myriad
grow	nonplussed
had ought/ought	notorious
hairbrained/harebrained	one-dimensional/two-dimensional
hardly	one of the only/one of the few
hardly never/hardly ever	orders of magnitude
heard/heard	parallel/symbol
hearing-impaired/deaf	parameters/perimeters
heart-rendering/heart-rending	penultimate/next to last
hero/protagonist	per/according to
hissel/himself	percent decrease
holocaust	personality
home page	peruse
how come/why	plead innocent
howsomever/however	point in time/point, time
hypocritical	quantum leap
incent/incentivize	quote
infamous	ratio
infinite	religion believes/ religion teaches
interface/interact	satellite
into/in to	schizophrenic
is, is	sci-fi/science fiction/SF
issues/problems	sea change
Jew/Jewish	simplistic
last name/family name	sour grapes
late/former	try and/try to
light-year	unrest
like	



American English vs. British English

These entries cover differences between American and British English.

alternate/alternative	offense/offence
defence/defense	paralleled/
different than/different from/ different to	paralleled
-ed/-t	practice/practise
enquire/inquire	quotation marks
got/gotten	single quotes
jewelry	supposably/supposingly/ supposedly
judgement/judgment	they/their (singular)
off of	toward/towards



Misheard Expressions

These entries cover problems that arise when writers write what they heard; or rather, what they *think* they heard.

all goes well/augurs well	do to/due to
all of the sudden/all of a sudden	doggy dog world/dog-eat-dog world
allude/elude	down the pipe/down the pike
allusion/illusion	duck tape/duct tape
alterior/ulterior	ice tea/iced tea
anchors away/anchors aweigh	in sink/in synch
augur/auger	intensive purposes/ intents and purposes
barb wire/bob wire/barbed wire	low and behold/lo and behold
bazaar/bizarre	nip it in the butt/nip it in the bud
beckon call/beck and call	no sooner when/no sooner than
better	often
case and point/case in point	old-timer's disease/ Alzheimer's disease
could of, should of, would of/could have, should have, would have	once and a while/once in a while
deep-seeded/deep-seated	

Misheard Expressions

one in the same/one and the same
past time/pastime
rapport
reeking havoc/wreaking havoc
right of passage/rite of passage
road to hoe/row to hoe
rot iron/wrought iron
safety deposit box/safe-deposit box
slight of hand/sleight of hand
sluff off/slough off
spit and image/spitting image
suppose to/supposed to
taken back/taken aback

tender hooks/tenterhooks
tie me over/tide me over
tongue and cheek/tongue in cheek
tow the line/toe the line
track home/tract home
use to/used to
veil of tears/vale of tears
Wensday/Wednesday
wile away/while away
worse comes to worse/
 worst comes to worst
you've got another thing coming/
 you've got another think coming