

Farmer Tice's List of Confusing Words FarmerTice.com

1. Will they *accept* cash? I ate everything *except* for the spinach.
2. Brunnhilde didn't *lose* the race. My belt is *loose*.
3. Johann & Ludwig live *apart* from each other. The car is missing *a part*.
4. *affect* (noun); *effect* (verb) Garlic has a positive *affect* on blood pressure. How does garlic *effect* blood pressure?
5. Laziness will *effect* your grades. Laziness has a bad *affect* on your grades,
6. Phoenix is Arizona's *capital*. They are painting the *capitol* building.
7. Ford's Theater is the *site* of Lincoln's assassination. The Grand Canyon is a lovely *sight*.
8. Patton's ivory-grip pistol was a *complement* to his rugged but elegant looks.
9. Patton paid a warm *compliment* to the chaplain for coming up with a great prayer.
10. He *passed* the test. We drove *past* our destination. He *passed* by. Lunchtime has *passed*.
11. History is about the *past*. The Patton movie had a positive *effect* / *affect* on me.
12. You may *proceed* to the next question. Dark clouds usually *precede* a rainstorm.
13. When at attention, a soldier will stand *stationary*. I buy paper at a *stationery* store. I write letters using the *stationery* given to me by my Aunt Tubby. A *stationary* bicycle.
14. Homemade bread is tastier *than* store bought. I'm taller today *than* I was last month. I petted my hamster and *then* fed her apple chips. Homework first, *then* you can play.
15. Please *lead* the way. Jesus *led* his disciples. *Lead* is a heavy metal.
16. Take a deep *breath*. I can't *breathe*.
17. We are *all ready* to go. I had *already* gone to the store. The dogs are *all ready* to be groomed.
18. When the band played, they weren't *all together*. The clues were *altogether* a mystery. Chico *altogether* gambled away a small fortune. The test was not *altogether* that difficult.
19. The children read *aloud*. Dogs are *allowed* on a leash.
20. Please *lay* the groceries down over there. Please *lie* down on the sofa with your hamster.
21. He told his father a *lie*. *Lay* it over there. (rule) You lie down, but you lay something down. Lie does not require a direct object. Lay requires a direct object. The same rule applies to laying and lying (not lying—beware of spelling).