

## CONQUERING CONFUSION

There are many words in the English language that are similar in pronunciation, meaning, and/or spelling. Consequently, these words are frequently misused and cause tremendous confusion for both speakers and writers. See how quickly you can put an end to confusion surrounding the following sets of words. Study each pair and the definition that appears in the column on the right. Then write “**A**” or “**B**” in the blank to show which one of the two words fits that definition.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
1. accept	except	_____to leave out or take out
2. affect	effect	_____to influence
3. emigrate	immigrate	_____to leave a country or region to settle in another
4. they’re	their	_____possessive form of “they”
5. nauseated	nauseous	_____feeling sick to one’s stomach
6. allusion	illusion	_____a false perception or belief
7. all right	alright	_____NO SUCH WORD
8. enormity	enormousness	_____hugeness; of great size
9. you’re	your	_____possessive form of “you”
10. among	between	_____used when referring to three or more people, places, or things
11. problem	dilemma	_____anything that presents difficulty
12. adapt	adept	_____proficient or skilled
13. all ready	already	_____everyone or everything ready
14. allude	elude	_____to escape from; to keep away from
15. exceptionable	exceptional	_____unusual or extraordinary

To guarantee against any further mix-ups, list and define the one word in each pair whose meaning is not found above. Keep this completed worksheet as a handy reference guide.

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