

SOME COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS



Affect vs Effect

'Affect' is usually a verb, meaning to influence or act upon. Example:
The loss of his father **affected** him profoundly.

'Effect' is usually a noun, meaning the result of an action. Example:
What will be the **effect** of closing Main Street?

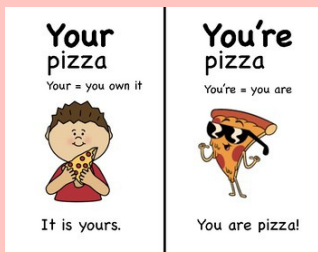


Wether, Weather and Whether

'Wether' - male sheep or ram;

'Weather' - condition of the atmosphere; 'Whether' - a choice between options.

Example: The farmer wondered **whether** the adverse **weather** had affected his **wether**.



Your and You're

We use 'your' to express the possession or ownership over something, of the person to whom we are speaking.

Example: This is **your** pen.

'You're' is a contraction, for the term 'you are'.

Example: **You're** taking it too seriously.

Practice (noun)
Easy when you remember ICE is a noun. Best **practice**.

Practise (verb)
Practise the piano. Practise your spelling.

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Practice and Practise

'Practice' is the noun.

Example: she manages a Law **practice**; the doctor's **practice**.

'Practise' is the verb and can be replaced with an action to test its use.

Example: Can you **practise** your writing please? (replace with another action like 'complete', 'read')

their
there
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Their, There, They're

'Their' is a possessive adjective. It always precedes a noun and indicates possession:

Is that collie **their** dog?

That cabin is **their** country residence.

'They're' is a contraction of the words "they are":

They're interested in buying your house.

'There' is used as an adverb of place:

See that Victorian house? I lived **there** when I was nine.

'There' can also be used as a sentence opener:

There is a Santa Claus.

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