

**Frequently Confused Homonyms**

- it's / its
  - its: a possessive pronoun meaning "belonging to it."
  - it's: a contraction meaning "it is."
- their / there / they're
  - their: a possessive pronoun meaning "belonging to them."
  - there: a place, or used with the verb to be ("is there," "were there.")
  - they're: a contraction meaning "they are."
- to / too / two
  - to: a preposition meaning "toward," also used with infinitive forms of verbs, such as "to say," "to do," etc.
  - too: overly, extremely; also
  - two: the number 2
- your / you're
  - your: a possessive pronoun meaning "belonging to you."
  - you're: a contraction meaning "you are."
- Other frequently confused homonyms: brake / break; hear / here; knew / new; know / no; passed / past; peace / piece; plain / plane; right / write; than / then; threw / through; wear / where; weather / whether; who's / whose.

**Other confusing words:** accept / except; advice / advise; affect / effect; among / between; fewer / less; were / where; then / than

**Wordiness**

<b>Wordy Expression</b>	<b>Single Word</b>
at this point in time	now
came into the possession of	obtained
due to the fact that	because
during the time that	while
each and every day	daily
few in number	few
in order to	to
in the event that	if
in the near future	soon
in this day and age	soon
made the decision to	decided
on account of	because
postponed until later	postponed
small in size	small

**Inflated Words**

<b>Inflated</b>	<b>Simple</b>	<b>Inflated</b>	<b>Simple</b>
ascertain	learn, find out	facilitate	help
assert	say	finalize, culminate	finish
commence	begin	inquire	ask
commend	praise	manifest	show
compensate	pay	parameters	limits
elucidate	explain	prior to	before
embark on	begin	replenish	refill
endeavor	try	subsequent to	after