



ELA Virtual Learning

Composition and Reading 2

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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will be able to identify and correct commonly misused words.

Warm - Up

1. Brainstorm: List of words (and their pairs) that are commonly misused.

Lesson/Activity:

1. For the warm up, you probably wrote down *their*, *they're*, *there*, or *to*, *two*, *too*.
2. While these are commonly misused, there are several pairs that you might not have thought about. Let's take a look at these on the next slides.

Lesson/Activity:

1. accept/except
2. affect/effect
3. principal/principle
4. For even more examples: [Commonly Confused Words](#)
5. This is by no means a full list.

Lesson/Activity:

1. They both sound the same, so it shouldn't matter right?
 - a. They have slightly different pronunciations, so even when talking, each word is said differently. Example: e (long e) - ffect vs. a (short a) - ffect
 - b. Each word has a different meaning. This change in meaning can drastically change the message of the sentence, paragraph or speech.

Lesson/Activity

2. Definitions:

a. Affect: to influence

- i. The speech made by my teacher affected my decision to go to college.
- ii. In this sentence, the speech influenced me. It helped me to make the decision

b. Effect: the result of something

- i. The effect of the music made everyone fall asleep.
- ii. In this sentence, everyone fell asleep because of the music. It didn't influence a decision made, it simply happened.

Practice

1. [Commonly Confused Words Practice Worksheet](#)
2. Use the link to view even more commonly confused words in the English language. Be careful, some are harder than others.
3. For pages 1-3. Read through these pages carefully. Each pair will have a definition and an example as to how it is used in the sentence.
4. Page 4: Read each sentence carefully. Choose the word that should be used in the sentence.
5. Page 5: Check your answers.

Wrap-Up:

Don't be discouraged if you got some of these wrong. English language is sometimes tricky with its definitions and spelling. Don't give up though. The more you practice and familiarize yourself, the better that you will become.

Extra Resources

[Commonly Confused Words Review and Quiz](#)

1. This website will give more sentence examples, and give practice on the hardest pairs of commonly confused words, if you would like extra practice.