

A **confusable** word is one that is spelled or used wrongly because it has been muddled with another, similar, word. Some confusables are homophones or words pronounced the same way but with different spellings (e.g. which/witch). Others just sound similar (e.g. proscribe/prescribe).



GETTING STARTED

Find the common confusables for these words. The first one is done for you.

1. **allude** is often confused with ... elude
2. **complement** is often confused with ... _____
3. **discreet** is often confused with ... _____
4. **faint** is often confused with ... _____
5. **flaunt** is often confused with ... _____
6. **gorilla** is often confused with ... _____
7. **precede** is often confused with ... _____
8. **principal** is often confused with ... _____



MOVING ON

Choose the correct confusable word to place in each sentence.

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| 1. My brother never listens to my _____. | advise | advice |
| 2. I didn't know what meal to _____ in the restaurant. | chose | choose |
| 3. My friend is not _____ to go swimming tomorrow. | allowed | aloud |
| 4. I _____ some popcorn to eat while we watch the film. | brought | bought |
| 5. The car was _____ as it approached the traffic lights. | breaking | braking |
| 6. The boxer remained _____ despite being knocked down. | conscience | conscious |
| 7. The dancing _____ was cancelled. | practice | practise |
| 8. The room was _____ despite being full of kids. | quiet | quite |
| 9. We saw the King's burial _____ on our school trip. | site | sight |
| 10. I _____ away my English homework by mistake! | threw | through |

How many did you get right?

5 = NOVICE

10 = EXPERT

15 = MAESTRO