



1. **Accept**
Except
 - *to agree, to take*: We do not accept credit cards.
 - Every student except Nilima was present in the class.
2. **Accident**
Incident
 - *something unexpected, usually tragic in nature*: My car was damaged in an accident.
 - *some ordinary event*: Tell us some interesting incidents of your life.
3. **Advice** (noun)
Advise (verb)
 - We must follow the advice of our teachers.
4. **Angel**
Angle
 - The teacher advised me to be punctual in the class.
 - The black boy saw an angel in a dream.
5. **Bail**
Bale
 - A right angle has ninety degrees.
 - *security*: The accused was released on bail.
6. **Bare**
Bear
 - *bundle*: Fifty bales of cotton are lying on the platform.
 - *uncovered, naked*: The dog laid bare its sharp teeth.
7. **Berth**
Birth
 - *to tolerate*: I cannot bear so much pain.
 - *a bed on a train or a boat*: We got two berths reserved in the Rajdhani Express.
 - What is your date of birth?
8. **Beside**
Besides
 - *next to, by the side of*: We sat beside the window and talked.
 - *in addition to, as well as*: Besides being a distinguished scholar, she is also a good dancer.
9. **Brake**
Break
 - The driver applied the brakes in time.
 - This vase is made of glass. It can break easily.
10. **Cattle**
Kettle
 - *cows, bulls, buffaloes, etc.*: The cattle are grazing in the field.
 - The kettle is full of hot tea.
11. **Check**
Cheque
 - *to look at something carefully to ensure that it is right*: The teacher has checked all the notebooks.
 - My father sent me a cheque for two thousand rupees.
12. **Cite**
Sight
 - *to quote*: She cited many examples to prove her point.
 - *view*: The train left the station and soon disappeared from sight.
13. **Coarse**
Course
 - *rough*: Villagers often wear garments made of coarse cloth.
 - *path*: The river is changing its course.
 - *a series of lessons*: We had finished all our courses by the end of January.
14. **Complement**
Compliment
 - *that which completes*: Point out the complement of the verb in this sentence.
 - *to express regards*: I complimented Ravina on her fine performance.

15. **Custom** — Many old customs should be changed now.
Habit — Going for a daily morning walk is a very good habit.
16. **Dairy** — We buy milk from a government dairy.
Diary — Reading someone else's personal diary is not desirable.
17. **Die** — Very few people die of tuberculosis now.
Dye — The shirt was dyed green.
18. **Discover** — *to find out something which is already there*: Madame Curie discovered radium.
Invent — *to make a new thing*: Charles Babbage invented the computer.
19. **Dose** — Take three doses of this medicine daily.
 (of medicine)
Doze — *to have a light sleep*: He had no work to do, so he dozed off for a while.
20. **Drown** — *used for living beings*: The child got drowned in the river.
Sink — *used for non-living things*: The ship sank but fortunately all the passengers were rescued.
21. **Feat** — *an action that shows great skill or courage*: The pilot amazed everyone with his daring feats.
Feet — Tight shoes have caused blisters on my feet.
22. **Farther** — *comparative degree of 'far', suggests distance*: Whose house is farther from the school—yours or Geetu's?
Further — *suggests position*: Please read further.
23. **Heal** — *to cure*: Deep wounds take longer to heal.
Heel — The heel of this shoe is completely worn out.
24. **Hear** — The old man cannot hear clearly.
Here — *at this place*: I shall wait for you here.
25. **Idle** — *without work*: Time is precious; so don't sit idle.
Idol — *image*: Many Hindus worship idols.
26. **Later** — *comparative degree of 'late'; suggests time*: Varun reached the station later than Ila.
Latter — *suggests position*: Rashmi and Uma are sisters; the latter of the two sings better.
27. **Loose** — *the opposite of 'tight'*: Children should always wear loose clothes.
Lose — Where did you lose your bag?
28. **Peace** — A nation can progress only during peace time.
Piece — I want a piece of paper to write a letter on.
29. **Plain** — *not pretty*: She is a plain-looking girl.
Plane — This piece of ground is quite plain.
 — *a flat, level surface*: This house is at a higher plane.
 — *aircraft*: We will be boarding the plane soon.

30. **Pray**
Prey
— We should pray to God to make us better human beings.
— *victim*: Be contented. Don't fall a prey to greed.
31. **Principal**
Principle
— Our Principal believes in strict discipline.
— *a basic rule*: We should never give up our principles.
32. **Quiet**
Quite
— *silent, peaceful, still*: Children, please keep quiet.
— I found the questions quite easy.
33. **Rain**
Reign
— Heavy rains often cause floods.
— *rule*: The Mughal empire progressed a great deal during Akbar's reign.
34. **Root**
Route
— A tree gets nourishment through its roots.
— Our school bus does not go by this route.
35. **Sail**
Sale
— Soon the ship sailed away and got out of sight.
— I purchased this pair of shoes at a sale.
36. **Soar**
Sore
Sour
— *to fly high*: The kite soared over the treetops.
— *painful*: She is suffering from a sore throat.
— *sharp and bitter (taste)*: Lemons have a sour taste.
37. **Sole**
Soul
— The sole of my right shoe has got cracks in it.
— Soul cannot be destroyed by water and fire.
38. **Stationary**
Stationery
— *still, not moving*: The pole star remains stationary in the sky.
— Computer stationery has become very expensive.
39. **Steal**
Steel
— The thief could not steal anything from the house.
— Steel is a very useful metal.
40. **Story**
Storey
— I like to read adventure stories.
— My room is on the upper storey of the house.
41. **Tail**
Tale
— The monkey uses its tail to hang from branches.
— *story*: Children are fond of fairy tales.
42. **Their**
There
— They live in their own house.
— We went to the ground but did not find anybody there.
43. **Vain**
Vein
— *fruitless*: All our efforts to get a suitable house proved vain.
— *a blood vessel*: Veins carry impure blood to the heart.
44. **Way**
Weigh
— She lost her way in the forest.
— How many kilograms does this box weigh?
45. **Wait**
Weight
— I had to wait for fifteen minutes for the bus.
— Her doctor told her to reduce her weight.

46. **Waste** — Time is precious; don't waste it.
Waist — The soldier tied a belt round his waist.
47. **Weather** — The weather is very pleasant. Let us go for a picnic.
Whether — I am not sure whether I shall be able to come.
48. **Yoke** — *frame or bar*: The horse was put into the yoke.
Yolk — *the yellow part of an egg*: Yolk is very nutritious.

7 **Exercise 1.** Distinguish between these pairs of words by using them in sentences of your own:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. advice, advise | 2. birth, berth | 3. cattle, kettle |
| 4. cite, sight | 5. farther, further | 6. loose, lose |
| 7. plain, plane | 8. later, latter | 9. root, route |
| 10. compliment, complement | | |

7 **Exercise 2.** Complete the spellings in the following words:

- Now draw an ang _ _ of 60 degrees.
- Canvas is a c _ _ rse cloth.
- Writing a d _ _ ry daily at night is a good habit.
- In this temple, there is a very old id _ _ of Lord Shiva.
- At night, the whole place is very qui _ _ .
- V _ _ ns and arteries carry blood.
- The ship is about to sa _ _ .
- A serious _ _ cident took place near our house.

7 **Exercise 3.** Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

- All Mr Khan will the proposal. (accept, except)
- Kindly if the has been signed. (check, cheque)
- Soon after I gave him the next of the medicine, he began to (dose, doze)
- The wound on her took a long time to (heel, heal)
- I that a meeting is going to take place (here, hear)
- The of our school is a man of (principal, principle)
- Priyanka ate mangoes, so she is now suffering from a throat. (sore, sour)
- The thieves could not the jewellery because it was lying in a locked almirah. (steel, steal)
- Here is an interesting about a fox that lost its (tail, tale)
- are three bedrooms in house. (there, their)