

CONFUSING WORDS

AIDES (assistants) give AID (help) to their bosses

CAREER -- skidding or veering

CAREEN --Leaning sideways or tossing about like a boat under sail

PERSUADE means to bring someone to DO something

CONVINCE means to bring someone to BELIEVE something

FLAIR is a conspicuous talent.

FLARE is to blaze with sudden, bright light or to burst out in anger

PROSTATE refers to the male prostate gland.

PROSTRATE is bowing to the point of lying down, as a sign of worship or submission.

FARTHER refers to physical distance.

FURTHER refers to degree, time or quantity.

EPITAPH is an inscription on a tombstone.

EPITHET is a descriptive adjective applied to someone.

RELUCTANT means unwilling to act,

RETICENT means unwilling to speak.

CARAT expresses the weight of precious stones.

CARET is a proofreader's mark.

KARAT is the proportion of pure gold used in an alloy.

BAD is an adjective, used when you want to describe the subject: He felt bad about the report of campaign irregularities.

BADLY describes some quality of the verb rather than the subject: She took her defeat badly.

FLAUNT is to show off

FLOUT is to mock, scoff or show disdain for

RESOLUTIONS are adopted or approved; BILLS are passed.

PRETENSE is a false show, used to conceal personal feelings.

PRETEXT is something put forward to conceal a truth.

The TEMPERATURE moves higher or lower.

The WEATHER becomes warmer or cooler.

FORTUNATE means coming by good luck.

FORTUITOUS means happening by chance.

Uprisings, disorders, riots and the like are QUELLED.

A fire or a thirst is QUENCHED.

COMPLIMENT is praise;

COMPLEMENT adds to something to make it complete.

BIMONTHLY--every two months.

SEMIMONTHLY--twice a month.

FLOUNDER means struggle or thrash about.

FOUNDER means sink.

EMIGRATE is to leave a country

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IMMIGRATE to enter.

A farmer's hay is BALED.

Water is BAILED out of a boat; a prisoner is released on bail.

GIBE is to jeer, taunt or flout.

JIBE is to shift sails, alter a course, or be in harmony.

CANVAS is a cloth

CANVASS means to solicit.

THEIR is the possessive pronoun: "their books."

THERE is an adverb ("here or there") or a sentence-starter ("There he is.")

THEY'RE means "they are."

COUNCIL is an assembly.

COUNCEL is advice

A PRINCIPAL is the head of a school.

A PRINCIPLE is a rule or truth.

CONTINUAL means repeated or intermittent,

CONTINUOUS means unbroken.

SENSUOUS is the neutral term applying to the senses.

SENSUAL carries the implication of powerful, intoxicating, often sexual stimulation.

AGGRAVATE means to make worse; IRRITATE, to incite or provoke.

Use SINCE to refer to time (since Tuesday).

Use BECAUSE to refer to reason or cause.

PEDDLE is to sell.

PEDAL is what your feet do on a bike.

BLOND is an adjective for all sexes and a noun for male.

BLONDE is a noun for females.

DISINTERESTED is impartial.

UNINTERESTED means to lack interest.

ENORMITY refers to abnormal wickedness, but is often misused to mean ENORMOUSNESS.

The speaker IMPLIES;

the listener INFERS.

PENULTIMATE means next to last.

FULSOME praise is insincere. It means offensively excessive.

HUNG refers to objects;

HANGED refers to people.

GORILLA is an ape,

GUERRILLA a soldier or raider.