

Common confusions

Sometimes words which are similar in sound can get muddled. The best way to avoid confusion is to **sound out the word carefully**.

For example: The word **quiet** is pronounced in quite a different way to the word **quite**.

Copy out and complete the sentences choosing the correct word from the list below.

quiet / quite

choose / chose

cloth / clothe

bought / brought

affect / effect

our / are

1. The queen's dress was made of of gold.
2. "I just don't know how I can all these children," said the poor woman.
3. "Will you be ! I can't hear myself think!" said the teacher.
4. "You have had enough sweets for one day," said mum.
5. "The house on the corner over there is house," said the girl.
6. "We going to Spain for our holidays this summer," said David.
7. Suddenly winning a lot of money can people in strange ways.
8. Too much sun can have a terrible on you.
9. If you could, which would you rather be, very rich or very beautiful?
10. When I went shopping yesterday, I the very best fresh fruit.
11. I a new coat when I went shopping yesterday.
12. Susan her new boyfriend to the Christmas party.

Look at the words below. Sound out the words carefully. Notice that there is a slight difference between the sound of the words in each pair.

accept / except

one / won

feel / fill

where / wear

Write a sentence for each of the words above.

Make a list of words that you personally find confusing or difficult to spell.