

# NYS & CSEA Partnership

## Often Confused Words

### Word

accept  
except

adapt  
adept  
adopt

adverse  
averse

advice (noun)  
advise (verb)

affect (verb)  
effect (noun)  
effect (verb)

aid  
aide

already  
all ready

altogether  
all together

between  
among

capital  
Capitol

coarse  
course

device (noun)  
devise (verb)

disburse  
disperse

disinterested  
uninterested

farther  
further

fewer  
less

### Definition

receive willingly, agree  
to exclude, leave out

to adjust  
skilled  
to take for one's own

opposing  
reluctant

recommendation  
to counsel

to influence  
result, outcome  
to accomplish or make happen

to help  
assistant

previously  
all in readiness

entirely  
in unison, as one

limited to two  
three or more

chief, important  
official government building

rough, unrefined  
passage, plan, subject of study

an instrument, mechanism  
to invent, create

to pay out  
to scatter, separate

impartial  
not interested

refers to distance  
additional

not as many (countable)  
not as much (non-countable)



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formerly  
formally

imply  
infer

ingenious  
ingenuous

insight  
incite

insure  
ensure

intelligent  
intelligible

its  
it's

lose  
loose

moral  
morale

perpetrate  
perpetuate

personal  
personnel

principal  
principle

stationary  
stationery

statue  
statute  
stature

taught  
taut

than  
then

their  
there  
they're

to  
too  
two

## Definition

previously  
in a serious or dignified manner

to suggest indirectly  
to draw a conclusion indirectly

very clever  
candid

understanding  
to arouse to action

to guarantee (financial)  
to guarantee or make certain

possessed of intelligence  
understandable

possessive form of "it"  
contraction for "it is" or "it has"

to misplace  
not fixed tight

referring to ethical conduct  
state of mind, feeling

to do  
to make lasting

individual, private  
staff, employees

chief, main  
fundamental truth, law

permanent  
writing paper

a carved likeness  
a law  
distinguished regard

instructed  
tight, tense

used in comparisons  
refers to time

possessive pronoun  
location, place, indication  
contraction for "they are"

preposition  
also, much  
number

