

<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>COMMONLY CONFUSING WORDS</b>
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**ACCEPT / EXCEPT**

1. **ACCEPT** - (Approve) I accept your offer.
- EXCEPT** - (besides) Except you all were present.

**ACCESS / EXCESS**

2. **ACCESS** - (Approach) I have no access to the Minister.
- EXCESS** - (Too much) Excess of everything is bad.

**ADAPT / ADOPT / ADEPT**

3. **ADAPT** - (Adjust) Adapt yourself to the new situation.
- ADOPT** - (To take possession) He adopted my idea.
- ADEPT** - (skilful) He is adept at teaching the students.

**ADVERSE / AVERSE**

4. **ADVERSE** - (Unfavourable) Adverse circumstances have hit him.
- AVERSE** - (indifferent) I am averse to flattery.

**ADVICE / ADVISE**

5. **ADVICE** - (Noun) It is a good piece of advice.
- ADVISE** - (Verb) Do not advise me on this point.

**AFFECT / EFFECT**

6. **AFFECT** - (Verb) This will affect your career.
- EFFECT** - (Noun) The effect can be gauged.

**AFFECTATION / AFFECTION**

7. **AFFECTATION** - (Show off) It is sheer affectation; there is no naturalness about it.
- AFFECTION** - (Love) I am sure that his affection knows no bound.

**ALE/AIL**

8. **ALE** - (Wine) he had fallen in bad company and used to drink too much of ale at his own cost.

**AIL** - (ILL) What can possibly ail him; he is so dispirited.

**ALTER/ALTAR**

9. **ALTER** - (Change) It is difficult for me to alter my programme because I am going on deputation.

**ALTAR** - (A place of offering) He has sacrificed even his personal interest at the altar of good sense.

**ALLUSION/ILLUSION**

10. **ALLUSION** - (Indirect reference) You can check up; this allusion is from the Greek mythology.

**ILLUSION** - (A deceptive appearance) To a person who is spiritually enlightened this world seems to be nothing but mere illusion.

**APPOSITE/OPPOSITE**

11. **APPOSITE** - (Suitable) The Prime Minister made some apposite remarks on the necessity of hard work and devotion.

**OPPOSITE** - (Standing in front of) They are completely different in their outlook because they belong to opposite camps of thinkers.

**ASCENT/ASSENT**

12. **ASCENT** - (Climbing up) The ascent was so troublesome that it took us a long time to reach the summit.

**ASSENT** - (To agree) He does not like interference, that is why he has given his assent to the removal of my table from his room.

**ASSAY/ESSAY**

13. **ASSAY** - (Attempt) He has been working hard and this attempt cannot be called his first assay to win recognition.

**ESSAY** - (Piece of composition) He has written quite comprehensive essay on the causes of inflation.

**AUGHT/UGHT**

14. **AUGHT** - (Anything) No need of persuading if I can do aught for you I will definitely do.

**UGHT** - (Should) We ought to work for the welfare of the public.

**BAIL/BALE**

15. **BAIL** - (Security) He approached the Ministers to get his brother released on bail.

**BALE** - (Bundle) This is the only bale of cotton which was not burnt by the spreading fire.

**BARE/BEAR**

16. **BARE** - (Uncovered) As he was moving bare footed, his foot was injured by a sharp piece of glass.

**BEAR** - (To tolerate) He is too sensitive a chap to bear the buffets of fortune.

**BEER** - (A kind of wine) In some of the countries they use beer in place of water.

**BERTH/BIRTH**

17. **BERTH** - (A seat in a train) He is not a dependable person so you should give him a wide berth.

**BIRTH** - Some of the colonial powers always hindered the birth of the independent nations.

**BESIDE/BESIDES**

18. **BESIDE** - (By the side of) Even when he was standing beside you, he did not seem to be taking interest in your talks.

**BESIDES** - (In addition to) My friend is very fond of giving me presents; recently, he has sent a fine wrist watch besides a pen.

**BRIDAL/BRIDLE**

19. **BRIDAL** - (Connected with marriage) In India bridal ceremonies cover many hours.

**BRIDLE** - (Rein) Till you bridle your tongue, you will not be able to get respect from your friends.

**BREAD/BREED**

20. **BREAD** - (An article of food) I had a look of bread yesterday.

**BREED** - (Specie) I am sure that this dog is not of the mongrel breed.

**CANVAS/CANVASS**

21. **CANVAS** - (Rough cloth) One can run better, if one wears canvas shoes at the time of playing.

**CANVASS** - (The process of asking people what they think about a particular subject) Let's carry out a canvass of opinions.

**CENSURE** - (To find fault) You will be doing your duty if you censure the conduct of the corrupt leaders.

**CASUAL/CAUSAL**

23. **CASUAL** - (Not pre-meditated) If you want to judge a person you should always try to judge him from his casual talks.

**CAUSAL** - (Concerning a cause) I don't think there is any causal relation between the effort and the reward.

**CANNON/CANON**

24. **CANNON** - (a big gun) This is an old cannon and cannot be used in the modern warfare.

**CANON** - (Rule) This is the fundamental canon of morality and we should observe it without reluctance.

**CALENDAR/CALENDER**

25. **CALENDAR** - (A table showing months and dates) Death, it is generally said, keeps no calendar.

**CALENDER** - (A pressing machine) our shirt is finely pressed perhaps the drycleaner has used calender.

**CEILING/SEALING**

26. **CEILING** - (The inner side of the roof, the top limit for any item) Despite long deliberations, the Government has failed to fix any ceiling for the urban property.

**SEALING** - (To seal something) A good sealing wax will never give you so much of trouble.

**CAST/CASTE**

27. **CAST** - (Actors) No doubt the movie is disappointing but the cast is very good.
- CASTE** - (A class, a rigid social system) The caste system in India has done a lot of harm to national integration.

**CEREAL/SERIAL**

28. **CEREAL** - (Edible grain) If we consume proper types of cereals, we can get a lot of vitamins.
- SERIAL** - (A story published in instalments) The serial publications of a story necessitate repetitions and concentration upon the individual instalments.

**CITE/SITE**

29. **CITE** - (To quote). He is so quick witted that he would cite an illustration immediately.
- SITE** - (A place for building purposes). This site has only one advantage that it has many approach roads.

**CHOIR/QUIRE**

30. **CHOIR** - (A group of singers). The whole of the function would have been a failure, had the choir not sung beautiful songs.
- QUIRE** - (24 sheets of the paper). I purchased many quires of paper for preparing the manuscript.

**CHORD/CORD**

31. **CHORD** - (A string of musical instrument). It is difficult to produce music if the chords are loose.
- CORD** - (A thin rope). It was his sharp tongue that cut the cord of friendship twain.

**COARSE/COURSE**

32. **COARSE** - (Rough), there is no need of wasting so much of money on superfine cloth even coarse cloth can serve the purpose.
- COURSE** - (Line of action). The course which he has adopted will definitely lead him to success because it is a setup in the right direction.

**COMA/COMMA**

33. **COMA** - (Unnatural heavy sleep). After that head injury, he was in a state of coma for many days.
- COMMA** - (A punctuation mark). Sob can be defined as a comma in woman's arguments during a petty quarrel.

**CAMPARE/CONTRAST**

34. **CAMPARE** - (To find the similarity). If you compare the two pieces of composition, you will find that one is copied from the other.
- CONTRAST** - (To show the difference). The two brothers are strikingly different from each other; contrast is complete.

**COMPLIMENT/COMPLEMENT**

35. **COMPLIMENT** - (Praise). I can appreciate the work of others and pay compliment if it is necessary.
- COMPLEMENT** - (That which completes). Generosity and charity go side by side; one is the complement to the other.

**CONFIDANT/CONFIDENT**

36. **CONFIDANT** - (A person entrusted with secret). Everyone has one or the other confidant because nobody can keep secrets to himself.
- CONFIDENT** - (Sure). He has played well and seems to be confident of his victory.

**CONSCIOUS/CONSCIENTIOUS**

37. **CONSCIOUS** - (Aware). Whether you tell him or not he will do your work; he is conscious of his duties.
- CONSCIENTIOUS** - (Obedient to conscience). He cannot injure the feelings of anyone he is a conscientious type of person.

**CONSIDERABLE/CONSIDERATE**

38. **CONSIDERABLE** - (Much) There has been a considerable wastage of human energy because no one gets the job of his choice.
- CONSIDERATE** - (Kind) He will definitely pay attention to your request because by nature he is considerate.

**CONTAGIOUS/INFECTIOUS**

39. **CONTAGIOUS** - (A disease got by contact). The patients suffering from contagious disease should be kept in separate rooms.

**INFECTIOUS** - (A disease transmitted by air or water). Special care will have to be taken in the case of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

**CONTEMPTIBLE/CONTEMPTUOUS**

40. **CONTEMPTIBLE** - (Worthy of contempt). He may not be thinking ill of you but his attitude was definitely contemptible.

**CONTEMPTUOUS** -(Scornful). The contemptuous remarks of the officer sparked off trouble in the whole of the office.

**CONTINUAL/CONTINUOUS**

41. **CONTINUAL** - (Intermittent). The rain had been continual; that is why I could not come to you yesterday.

**CONTINUOUS** - (Uninterrupted). His work has been continuous; that is why he never got time to come to the playground.

**CORPS/CORPSE**

42. **CORPS** - (Division of an Army). Of course he is an officer but he belongs to the Medical Corps.

**CORPSE** - (Dead body). The decomposed corpse of an unidentified person was sent for postmortem.

**CORPORAL/CORPOREAL**

43. **CORPORAL** - (pertaining to the body). It is correctly believed by the psychologists that corporal punishment should not be given to the children.

**CORPOREAL** - (Having body). We cannot expect the ghosts to have corporeal existence.

**COUNCIL/COUNSEL**

44. **COUNCIL** - (An assembly). An emergency meeting of the council was called because the important decision was to be taken.

**COUNSEL** - (Advice). He gave me a good counsel though it did not appeal to me earlier.

**CREDIBLE/CREDITABLE**

45. **CREDIBLE** - (Believable). The whole story seems to be credible though it is definitely a make-believe.
- CREDITABLE** - (Praise-worthy). Other nations may realise it or not but India's efforts for establishing peace are creditable.

**CRIME/SIN**

46. **CRIME** - (Punishable act). Right from his childhood he has criminal tendencies so his crimes are not unexpected.
- SIN** - (Disobedience of the divine's hand). A person who has religious mind will never think of committing a sin.

**DEFY/DEIFY**

47. **DEFY** - (To challenge). He is a rebellious type of boy and will surely defy the orders.
- DEIFY** - (To worship). We are hero worshippers by nature; that is why we always deify political leaders.

**DEPENDENT/DEPENDANT**

48. **DEPENDENT** - (Relying on). The success of our scheme will be dependent upon the finances and proper execution.
- DEPENDANT** - (Noun-depending on). We are our parent's dependants and cannot go against their wishes.

**DEPRECATE/DEPRECIATE**

49. **DEPRECATE** - (Condemn). It is very difficult for me to go against my principles, I must deprecate his actions.
- DEPRECIATE** - (To decrease in value). One of the serious consequences of inflation is that the value of our rupee will depreciate appreciably

**DESERT/DESSERT**

50. **DESERT** - (A sandy track of land or to give up). Some of the geologists say that the desert of Rajasthan is advancing towards the states of the North.
- DESSERT** - (Course at the end of the dinner). After a sumptuous dinner the guests could not enjoy the desert.



**DAIRY/DIARY**

51. **DAIRY** - (Milk Depot). The Government dairy was stoned by the furious mob. Who could not get milk in time.
- DIARY** - (A daily notebook). Some people believe that by keeping a diary one can improve one's habits easily.

**DIE/DYE**

52. **DIE** - (To expire). If man is to die ultimately why he should make his life a continuous labour.
- DYE** - (To colour). The deep dye of religion can never fade and that is why he has become a fanatic.

**DISEASE/DECEASE**

53. **DISEASE** - (Illness). First of all you will have to examine the symptoms of this disease, only then you can prescribe proper type of medicine.
- DECEASE** - (Death). The sudden decease of the leader created a big problem for the country.

**DRAFT/DROUGHT**

54. **DRAFT** - (To prepare a sketch). The draft of the Five Year Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission.
- DROUGHT** - (Want of rain) The drought-hit areas of Bihar will have to be helped before people starve to death.

**DUAL/DUEL**

55. **DUAL** - (Double). The dual policy of your friend cannot work for a long time because no one can so easily be duped.
- DUEL** - (A fight between two persons). The leaders of the two groups decided to clinch the issue with a duel.

**DEFERENCE/DIFFERENCE**

56. **DEFERENCE** - (Respect). If you have any sense of gratefulness you must show deference to your parents.
- DIFFERENCE** - (Distinction). It is only with a probing eye that the difference between the two brands can be discovered.

**ELICIT/ILLCIT**

57. **ELICIT** - (To draw out). The sole aim of the police is to elicit information from the spy.
- ILLCIT** - (Illegal). The illicit distillation of wine is the cause of great loss to the exchequer.

**ELIGIBLE/ILLEGIBLE**

58. **ELIGIBLE** - (Fit to be chosen). As he fulfils all the qualifications for the post so he is eligible for it.
- ILLEGIBLE** - (Which cannot be read). Illegible handwriting will never pay you in the long run.

**EMIGRANT/IMMIGRANT**

59. **EMIGRANT** - (One who settles in the foreign country). He is an emigrant from Canada and in due course of time he will become the citizen.
- IMMIGRANT** - (One who comes from the foreign country to settle) As an immigrant he can enjoy some rights but not all.

**EMINENT/IMMINENT**

60. **EMINENT** - (Distinguish). He is an eminent scholar and can make his mark in the field of literature.
- IMMINENT** - (Which may happen soon). Some people think that war is imminent; but perhaps this is just a matter of opinion.

**EXCEPTIONAL/EXCEPTIONABLE**

61. **EXCEPTIONAL** - (Unusual) He is a decent person though he is exceptional.
- EXCEPTIONABLE**- (Objectionable). Sometimes, unconsciously, our actions become exceptionable.

**EXCITE/INCITE**

62. **EXCITE** - (To stimulate, make sbd feel very pleased.). This type of attitude will excite ill feelings between the two brothers.
- INCITE** - (To urge to action). Some of the persons remain in the back ground and incite others to go on strike.

**EXPEDIENT/EXPEDITIOUS**

63. **EXPEDIENT** - (Advisable) I think this will be expedient for him if he sticks to it religiously.
- EXPEDITIOUS** - (Prompt) Till an expeditious step is taken it is not possible to tackle the situation properly.

**EXTANT/EXTENT**

64. **EXTANT** - (Existing). Shakespeare might have written many remarkable plays but only some are extant.
- EXTENT** - (Limit). To what extent can you help me at the time of crisis.

**FAIN/FEIGN**

65. **FAIN** - (Gladly). Fain would I visit him if he invites me.
- FEIGN** - (To pretend). You must impress upon him the urgency of the matter though he would feign to be busy.

**FAIR/FARE**

66. **FAIR** - (Beautiful). Fair face needs no paint.
- FARE** - (Payment for travelling). The increase in the fare will affect the common man though the Government claims otherwise.

**FAMOUS/NOTORIOUS**

67. **FAMOUS** - (Well-known). He is a famous writer of stories though he could not get the prize.
- POPULAR** - (liked by a number of people) This is one of our popular designs
- NOTORIOUS** - (Infamous) : The notorious dacoit surrendered unconditionally.

**FORCEFUL/FORCIBLE**

68. **FORCEFUL** - (Full of force) He might have been tackling the problem in a casual manner; it needs forceful effort.
- FORCIBLE** - (By force) For a single watchman, it became difficult to check the forcible entry of the crowd.

**FOUL/FOWL**

69. **FOUL** - (Dirty) Hypocrisy amounts to foul play.
- FOWL** - (A sort of hen) He is very fond of this fowl though it is just an ordinary bird.

**FURTHER/FARTHER**

70. **FURTHER** - (In addition) People did not catch him but as he spoke further, he was understood properly.
- FARTHER** - (Distant) Nearer the church, farther from God.

**GAMBLE/GAMBOL**

71. **GAMBLE** - (To play for winning money; uncertain results) It is wrong to say that betting is not a sort of gamble. (Or) You cannot depend upon this competitive examination, because it is just a gamble.
- GAMBOL** - (Jumping about in merriment) I could not even imagine that he would gambol at this ordinary news.

**GAOL/GOAL**

72. **GAOL** - (Prison) Gaol should be for reforming the person and not for persecuting him.
- GOAL** - (Aim) Till you have a high goal in life, you cannot do anything.

**GATE/GAIT**

73. **GATE** - (Entrance) The gate of Heaven is open for everyone, if one can desist from committing sin.
- GAIT** - (Manner of walking) The temperament of the man can be judged even by his gait.

**GENTLE/GENTEEL**

74. **GENTLE** - (courteous) The gentle hearted old man did whatever he could, to help the village people.
- GENTEEL** - (Graceful in form often in an exaggerated way) It was his genteel appearance that won the hearts of all who were present there.

**GHASTLY/GHOSTLY**

75. **GHASTLY** - (Horrible) The ghastly murder of the poor man created terror.
- GHOSTLY** - (Concerning ghosts) The ghostly appearance of that thin lean man is hateful.

**HARE/HEIR**

76. **HARE** - (An animal) The hare was hunted down by the hunting dog.
- HEIR** - (The successor) The heir of this huge property is the three year old son of the deceased.

**HAIL/HALE**

77. **HAIL** - (Frozen drop of water) The hailstrom destroyed the whole crop.
- HAIL** - (Describe somebody as)- That was hailed as a great success.
- HALE** - (Healthy) There is nothing to worry about him, he is quite hale and hearty.

**HEAL/HEEL**

78. **HEAL** - (To cure) The injury done by ungrateful people will never heal.
- HEEL** - (Hinder part of the foot) He possesses all the qualities of a successful man, it is his short temper that has always proved to be Achille's heel.

**HISTORIC/HISTRONIC/HISTORICAL**

79. **HISTORIC** - (Famous in history) The historic incident of Gandhiji's Dandi March' is remembered even today.
- HISTORICAL** - (Connected with the past)- put these events in their historical context.
- HISTRONIC** - (Dramatic) It is his histrionic talent that helped him in getting a good post in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

**HONORARY/HONOURABLE/HONORIFIC**

80. **HONORARY** - (Serving without pay) He is an honorary Magistrate so his source of income is his business only.

**HONORIFIC** - (a title expressing respect)-this is an honorific title.

**HONOURABLE** - (worthy of honour) He is an Honourable member of the jury and will listen to you.

**HUMAN/HUMANE**

81. **HUMAN** - (Pertaining to man) It is human weakness to praise one's own qualities.

**HUMANE** - (Kind) If you adopt bossy attitude you will fail to know the truth; be humane.

**IDEAL/IDOL**

82. **IDEAL** - (Perfect) The ideal approach to the problems is to get the opinion of the public about it.

**IDOL** - (Object of worship) It is because of his good nature that he has become the idol of all.

**IMPUDENT/IMPRUDENT**

83. **IMPUDENT** - (Disrespectful) He never respects his elders; he is an impudent fellow.

**IMPRUDENT** - (Unwise) He is a grown up boy and should not be imprudent in squandering money.

**INDICT/INDITE**

84. **INDICT** - (To accuse) I cannot indict you on this account because there is no proof with me.

**INDITE** - (To write) He is quite imaginative and I don't think he will not be able to indite a poem for you.

**INDUSTRIAL/INDUSTRIOUS**

85. **INDUSTRIAL** - (Relating to industry) The Industrial Revolution in England brought far-reaching changes in the social life.

**INDUSTRIOUS** - (Hard working) He is very industrious fellow still he is not able to meet his expenses.

**INDIGENOUS/INDIGENT**

86. **INDIGENOUS** - (Native) This mango plant is of indigenous growth and has not been imported.
- INDIGENT** - (Poor) In India people are so indigent that they cannot get a square meal.

**ZEALOUS/JEALOUS**

87. **ZEALOUS** - (Enthusiastic) He is emotional by temperament that is why he is always zealous in the initial stages.
- JEALOUS** - Women are generally jealous of one another.

**KNOTTY/NAUGHTY**

88. **KNOTTY** - (Complicated) This is a knotty problem and needs a clever handling.
- NAUGHTY** - (Mischievous) Naughty children are generally intelligent.

**LATER/LATTER**

89. **LATER** - (Comparative degree of late) Though I have come late yet I get consolation from those who come later.
- LATTER** - (the second of the two things/persons mentioned) India and Bangladesh are two sovereign nations; the latter got freedom recently.

**LIGHTENING/LIGHTNING**

90. **LIGHTENING** - (To reduce weight) By giving you monetary help, he is lightening your burden.
- LIGHTNING** - (Flash in clouds) He was struck by lightning and killed.

**LOOSE/LOSE**

91. **LOOSE** - (Not tight) Do not give him loose rope; he will take undue advantage.
- LOSE** - (Deprived of) Do not lose courage, failure leads to success.

**LUXURIANT/LUXURIOUS**

92. **LUXURIANT** - (Abundant) The luxuriant growth of grass has given a fine look to the garden.

**LUXURIOUS** - (Given to luxury) The luxurious life, he has been leading, has made him lay

**MAIN/MANE**

93. **MAIN** - (Chief) Narrate, at least the main events of the reign of King Ashoka.

**MANE** - (Long hair on the neck of an animal) As the bridle broke, the rider caught the mane of the horse.

**MANTLE/MENTAL**

94. **MANTLE** - (A woman's cloak) Her mantle was torn, when she ran through the thorny bushes.

**MENTAL** - (Of the mind) A mental image was formed after the visual one.

**MARRY/MERRY**

95. **MARRY** - (To wed) He will marry his class-fellow despite the opposition of her parents.

**MERRY** - (Joyous) The children sitting in the merry go round were smiling.

**MEMORABLE/MEMORIAL**

96. **MEMORABLE** - (Worth remembering) The memorable incident of his life was his meeting the Prime Minister.

**MEMORIAL** - (Statue for preserving memory) A memorial was raised in the memory of his respect.

**MOMENTARY/MOMENTOUS**

97. **MOMENTARY** - (For a moment) The pleasure was momentary; he was lost in worries again.

**MOMENTOUS** - (Important) A momentous decision was taken by the then president.

**OFFICIAL/OFFICIOUS**

98. **OFFICIAL** - (Pertaining to an office) In his official capacity he can summon you for interrogation.

**OFFICIOUS** - (Meddlesome) His officious attitude has turned his friends into enemies.



**ORDINANCE/ORDNANCE**

99. **ORDINANCE** - (Law) The President of India is empowered to issue ordinances.

**ORDNANCE** - (Arm's stores) That was an ordnance depot.

**PAIL/PAIL**

100. **PAIL** - (bucket) Bring a pail of water from the well to wash the floor.

**PALE** - (almost white because of illness, strong emotion) The child, on seeing the cane in the teacher's hand, turned pale.

**PAIN/PANE**

101. **PAIN** - (Bodily suffering) Till the pain was bearable he did not speak anything.

**PANE** - (A sheet, a glass) The milky-white moon glanced through the window panes.

**PATROL/PETROL**

102. **PATROL** - (to go on a round) The patrol party could spot out the enemy behind the bushes.

**PETROL** - (Refined crude oil) Recently Arabs used crude oil for bargaining that is why price of petrol has shot up.

**PERSECUTE/PROSECUTE**

103. **PERSECUTE** - (To pursue with enmity) A tyrant will always persecute the public.

**PROSECUTE** - (To institute legal proceedings) If you do not reconcile, he will prosecute you.

**PERSONAL/PERSONNEL**

104. **PERSONAL** - (Belonging to a person) You have no right to meddle: this is my personal affair.

**PERSONNEL** - (The body of persons engaged in the public service) Military personnel will be given preference in allotting the houses.

**PHYSIC/PHYSIQUE**

105. **PHYSIC** - (Medicine) It is an efficacious physic; it has relieved me of pain.
- PHYSIQUE** - (Bodily structure) He takes special care of his physique; he is a brawny giant.

**PLAIN/PLANE**

106. **PLAIN** - (Clear) He told the plain truth though his opponents presented a distorted image of it.
- PLANE** - (Surface) He speaks from a high plane and treats us as inferiors.

**PRACTICE/PRACTISE**

107. **PRACTICE** - (Constant use) Practice makes a man perfect but it needs intelligence to learn from previous attempts.
- PRACTISE** - (Verb) He will practise self-abnegation for achieving salvation.

**PRAY/PREY**

108. **PRAY** - (To offer prayers) Pray to God and have self-confidence before you launch your scheme.
- PREY** - (Victim) He has become a prey to self-deception.

**PRECEDE/PROCEED**

109. **PRECEDE** - (to go before) Honesty should precede all other considerations.
- PROCEED** - (To advance) Proceed further, if you want to make a dent in the difficulties.

**PRESCRIBE/PROSCRIBE**

110. **PRESCRIBE** - (To lay down authoritatively) I cannot prescribe norms for your behaviour; you should follow the sense of equity.
- PROSCRIBE** - (To prohibit) The government will proscribe this book because it contains incriminating material.

**PRESIDENT/PRECEDENT**

111. **PRESIDENT** - (Head of a council) The President of the association has acted in the most irresponsible manner.
- PRECEDENT** - (Takes as Example) In the absence of the precedent, I will follow my own judgement.

**PRINCIPLE/PRINCIPAL**

112. **PRINCIPLE** - (Codes) This principle is observed more in breaking than in observance.
- PRINCIPAL** - (Head of an educational institution) The principal of this college has resigned.

**PROSPECTIVE/PERSPECTIVE**

113. **PROSPECTIVE** - (Concerned with future) The prospective candidates for the post will need detailed information on this point.
- PERSPECTIVE** - (View) If the problem is viewed in the Correct perspective, it can be solved.

**PROPHECY/PROPHECY**

114. **PROPHECY** - (Prediction) I wish that the prophecy-world will come to an end-proves to be untrue.
- PROPHECY** - (To predict) Cricket is a game of chance; if is wrong to prophesy any one's victory.

**REINS/REIGNS**

115. **REINS** - (Bridle) Pull the reins of your imagination to see the reality.
- REIGNS** - (Rules) The queen of England does not rule but reigns.

**QUITE/QUIET**

116. **QUITE** - (Perfectly) Your point of view is quite wrong because it is lop sided.
- QUIET** - (Silent) The front remained quiet but there is a lull before a storm.

**RESPECTABLE/RESPECTFUL**

117. **RESPECTABLE** - (Deserving respect) He enjoys a respectable position in society only because of wealth.
- RESPECTFUL** - (Showing respect) It is our moral duty to be respectful to our parents.

**RIGHT/RITE**

118. **RIGHT** - (Correct) We should be with the right even if they are few.  
**RITE** - (Ceremony) The religious rites will have to be performed; social life demands it.

**ROUTE/ROUT**

119. **ROUTE** - (Course taken in a journey) The army had to change the route because the area was marshy.  
**ROUT** - (Defeat) Careful advance led to the complete rout of the enemy.

**SOLE/SOUL**

120. **SOLE** - (Single) The sole aim of my observation is to make the point clear.  
**SOUL** - (Spiritual part of man) The scientists will, one day, believe in the transmigration of soul.

**SORE/SOUR**

121. **SORE** - (Unhappy) His face does not betray though he was quite sore over his defeat.  
**SOUR** - (Bitter) The grapes are sour, if we fail to get them.

**SPACIOUS/SPECIOUS**

122. **SPACIOUS** - (A large space) The court yard is quite spacious and can be used for parking.  
**SPECIOUS** - (Seeming right but false) The arguments advanced by the leader were specious so could not convince any one.

**SPIRITUAL/SPIRITUOUS**

123. **SPIRITUAL** - (Not material) Intellectual development must accompany spiritual awakening.  
**SPIRITUOUS** - (Containing alcohol) The spirituous preparation, which made the people blind, was not tested.

**STARE/STAIR**

124. **STARE** - (Looking fixedly) Poverty will stare him in his face if he does not mend his ways.  
**STAIR** - (Set of steps) He climbed down the stair in no time.

**STATIONARY/STATIONERY**

125. **STATIONARY** - (Motionless) The car bumped from the rear when the vehicle was stationary.

**STATIONERY** - (Writing material) We will not save much by effecting economy in purchasing stationery.

**STATUE/STATUTE**

126. **STATUE** - (Image) The arm of the statue was broken by the enraged mob.

**STATUTE** - (Law) Bill passed by both the houses of Parliament and the President must be entered in the statute book.

**STORY/STOREY**

127. **STORY** - (Narrative) Chaucer is one of the greatest story teller in verse.

**STOREY** - (A floor of the building) A shrill cry was heard from the second storey of the house.

**SUIT/SUITE**

128. **SUIT** - (To fit) This proposal will suit me because it accords with my plan.

**SUITE** - (A set of rooms) A suite was reserved for the Prime Minister but he did not turn up.

**SUPERFICIAL/SUPERFLUOUS**

129. **SUPERFICIAL** - (On the surface) A superficial knowledge of the subject does not give us mastery over it.

**SUPERFLUOUS**- (Unnecessary) He gave only a few relevant facts; the rest of the account was superfluous.

**TAMPER/TEMPER**

130. **TAMPER** - (To meddle with) The records should be kept fare; none should tamper with them.

**TEMPER** - (Disposition) He is a 'man of unpredictable temper; he can never stick to his opinion.

**TEMPORARY/TEMPORAL**

131. **TEMPORARY** - (For a short time) The arrangement was purely temporary and had to be changed.
- TEMPORAL** - (Earthy) The king has temporal authority and it is wrong to elevate him to unearthly figures.

**URBAN/URBANE**

132. **URBAN** - (Pertaining to city) There should be ceiling upon urban property in order to bring out black money.
- URBANE** - (Civil) His urbane manners have won the hearts of everyone.

**VACATIONS/VOCATION**

133. **VACATIONS** - (Holidays) During the summer vacations this year, I will go to Kashmir.
- VOCATION** - (Profession) One should choose one's vocation according to one's liking.

**VAIN/VEIN**

134. **VAIN** - (Useless) He made a vain attempt to win the favour of others.
- VEIN** - (Blood vessel) The impure blood flows through this blood vessel; it is a vein.

**VERACITY/VORACITY**

135. **VERACITY** - (Truthfulness) He speaks truth and I do not doubt the veracity of his statement.
- VORACITY** - (Greediness) He fell to the meals with voracity as he was hungry.

**VERBAL/VERBOSE**

136. **VERBAL** - (Spoken, not written, Oral) I cannot give anything in writing; it is my verbal promise. The job applicant must have good verbal skills
- VERBOSE** - (Full of words) His style is verbose and no body likes it.

**VIRTUAL/VIRTUOUS**

137. **VIRTUAL** - (Real) He is the virtual manager because Mr. Johnson is a weak person.
- VIRTUOUS** - (Morally good) His virtuous nature will never allow him to indulge in telling lies.

**VASSEL/VESSEL**

138. **VASSEL** - (A political slave) The vassel was brought to the native land after a long time.
- VESSEL** - (Utensil) We need a bigger vessel to prepare the brew.

**WASTE/WAIST**

139. **WASTE** - (Useless) His labour will go waste if he does not try to make a capital use of the opportunity.
- WAIST** - (Part of the human body) In boxing no one is not allowed to hit below the waist.

**WAVE/WAIVE**

140. **WAVE** - (To move) Wave your hands and he will come down from the hill.
- WAIVE** - (To forego) In case you want help waive the conditions you have laid down.

**WET/WHET**

141. **WET** - (Containing water) The wet cloth became heavier and it was difficult to carry it.
- WHET** - (To sharpen) Whet the knife with this piece of stone before cutting this mango.

**WHITHER/WITHER**

142. **WHITHER** - (To which place) 'Whither Indian youth'-is the often repeated question of the leaders.
- WITHER** - (To fade) Physical beauty will not endure; it will wither away.

**WOMANLY/WOMANISH**

143. **WOMANLY** - (Like a woman used, in good sense) The womanly delicacy is the essence of physical beauty.
- WOMANISH** - (Like a woman used, in bad sense) It is womanish to feel jealous of others who are better off.