

### Frequently Misused Words

accessary, accessory  
advice, advise  
affect, effect  
affluent, effluent  
ail, ale  
albumen, albumin  
allude, elude  
angel, angle  
ante, anti  
apposite, opposite  
appraise, apprise  
arc, ark  
ant, aunt  
ate, eight  
attribute (n) (v)  
auger, augur  
aught, ought  
bale, bail  
ball, bawl  
band, banned  
bare, bear  
baron, barren  
base, bass  
bazaar, bizarre  
be, bee  
beach, beech  
beat, beet  
beer, bier  
berth, birth  
bite, byte

blew, blue  
bloc, block  
boar, bore  
bogy, boggy  
board, bored  
bouillon, bullion  
buoy, boy  
breach, breech  
bread, bred  
break, brake  
buy, by  
calendar, calender  
canape, canopy  
canon, cannon  
canter, cantor  
canvas, canvass  
capital, capitol  
carat, caret, carrot  
cast, caste  
caster, castor  
censer, censor  
cession, session  
chord, cord  
chute, shoot  
click, clique  
coarse, course  
complement, compliment  
comptroller, controller  
corps, corpse

council, counsel  
cubical, cubicle  
currant, current  
cymbal, symbol  
dam, damn  
dear, deer  
desert (n) (v), dessert  
dew, do  
dike, dyke  
disc, disk  
discreet, discrete  
draft, draught  
drier, dryer  
elusion, illusion  
emigrant, immigrant  
exercise, exorcise  
fair, fare  
faint, feint  
faze, phase  
faun, fawn  
feat, feet  
florescent, flourescent  
for, fore  
foreword, forward  
fort, forte  
forth, fourth  
foul, fowl  
franc, frank  
freeze, frieze  
friar, fryer

gage, gauge  
gait, gate  
gamble, gambol  
gel, jell  
gild, guild  
gilt, guilt  
grate, great  
gril, grille  
hair, hare  
heal, heel  
hear, here  
him, hymn  
hoard, horde  
hoarse, horse  
hole, whole  
holy, wholly  
hour, our  
humerus, humorous  
immanent, imminent  
in, inn  
its, it's  
kernel, colonel  
kill, kiln  
knew, new  
know, no  
lama, llama  
leach, leech  
lead, led  
lean, lien  
lessen, lesson

levee, levy  
lie, lye  
lime, lyme  
loan, lone  
maid, made  
mail, male  
main, Maine, mane  
maize, maze  
meat, meet  
meddle, medal  
miner, minor  
missal, missile  
naval, navel  
one, won  
pain, pane  
pair, pare, pear  
pail, pale  
palate, palette  
peal, peel  
precedent, president  
premier, premiere  
principal, principle  
rap, wrap  
read, red  
read, reed  
real, reel  
resister, resistor  
resume, resumé  
retch, wretch  
review, revue  
right, write

ring, wring  
rung, wrung  
road, rowed  
role, roll  
root, route  
sea, see  
sale, sail  
scythe, sigh  
serge, surge  
sew, so  
shear, sheer  
sleigh, slay  
sleight, slight  
son, sun  
staid, stayed  
steal steel  
straight, strait  
subject (n) (v)  
tail, tale  
tea, tee  
tear, tier  
their, there, they're  
thyme, time  
tic, tick  
tie, tithe  
to, too, two  
tocsin, toxin  
toe, tow  
tort, torte  
troop, troupe

valance, valence

vary, very

wail, whale

wait, weight

waiver, waver

weather, whether

wine, whine

wood, could