

# Self-Edit Checklist: Homonyms and Homophones

accept (to agree) except (not including)	ad (advertisement) add (increase)	adverse (harmful) averse (opposed)	advice (recommendation) advise (to recommend)
affect (change) effect (result)	air (gases) heir (inheritor)	aisle (passageway) isle (island)	all together (in one place) altogether (complete)
altar (sacred table) alter (change)	appraise (assess) apprise (inform)	assent (agree) ascent (rise)	aural (hearing) oral (spoken)
bare (naked) bear (carry or animal)	baron (nobility) barren (empty)	bated (suspense) baited (bait attached)	bazaar (marketplace) bizarre (strange)
berth (bunk) birth (baby)	board (wood) bored (tedious)	born (started life) borne (carried)	bough (tree branch) bow (bend the head)
brake (stop) break (separate)	breach (break through) breach (gun barrel)	broach (discuss) brooch (jewelry)	censure (criticize) censor (ban)
cereal (grain) serial (in series)	chord (musical note) cord (rope)	climactic (climax) climatic (climate)	coarse (rough) course (direction)
complement (improve) compliment (praise)	council (group) counsel (advise)	cue (signal) queue (line)	currant (grape) current (now or flow)
desert (empty area) dessert (sweets)	discreet (careful) discrete (separate)	draught (air current) draft (draw or write)	dual (two) duel (fight)
elicit (draw out) illicit (not allowed)	ensure (certain) insure (compensate)	envelop (cover) envelope (container)	exercise (activity) exorcise (drive out)

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fawn (deer)	flaunt (display)	flounder (clumsy)	forbear (refrain)
faun (mythical man-goat)	flout (disregard)	founder (fail)	forebear (ancestor)
foreword (intro)	freeze (icy)	gait (walk)	grisly (gruesome)
forward (ahead)	frieze (decoration)	gate (opening)	grizzly (bear)
hoard (store)	hole (pit)	idle (not busy)	imply (suggest)
horde (crowd)	whole (complete)	idol (deity)	infer (conclude)
incite (encourage)	lessen (make less)	levee (embankment)	loath (reluctant)
insight (understanding)	lesson (study)	levy (tax)	loathe (hate)
loose (unfasten)	marshal (officer)	medal (reward)	overdo (do too much)
lose (misplace)	martial (warlike)	meddle (interfere)	overdue (late)
palate (roof of mouth)	pedal (lever)	pole (long stick)	pour (flow)
palette (art board)	peddle (sell)	poll (vote)	pore (study)
prescribe (order)	principal (head)	sceptic (doubter)	slay (kill)
proscribe (forbid)	principle (rule)	septic (infected)	sleigh (Santa's ride)
sole (only)	stationary (still)	tortuous (twisty)	yoke (harness)
soul (spiritual)	stationery (letters)	torturous (painful)	yolk (egg center)
sight (see)	to (toward)		
site (location)	too (also)		
cite (quote)	two (number)		
their (possessive they)	whose (possessive who)	your (possessive you)	
they're (they are)	who's (who is)	you're (you are)	
there (place)			