

CONFUSING WORDS WORKSHEET #1

accept means to agree to something or to receive something willingly.

except means to exclude or omit. As a preposition, except means *but* or *excluding*.

all ready means that all are ready.

already means previously or before now.

capital is a city; or an adjective meaning excellent, most serious, or most important.

capitol is a building in which a state legislature meets.

the Capitol is the building in Washington, D.C., in which the United States Congress meets.

desert (n) means a wilderness or dry, sandy region with sparse vegetation.

desert (v) means to abandon or receiving a just reward

dessert is a sweet served at the end of a meal.

hear means to listen to, or take notice of.

here means in this place.

its is a word that indicates ownership or possession.

it's is a contraction for *it is* or *it has*.

EXERCISE

Use the words correctly. Underline the correct word from the words in parentheses.

1. The class has (**all ready, already**) started.
2. John spoke during the congressional hearings at the (**capitol, capital**).
3. Can you (**hear, here**) that strange humming sound?
4. Government officials may not (**accept, except**) cash gifts.
5. (**It's, Its**)an unfortunate situation!
6. He wanted to (**desert, dessert**), but he didn't want to be caught.
7. He was convicted of a (**capitol, capital**) offense.
8. Everyone (**accept, except**) Sarah went to the party.
9. My cat always sleeps (**hear, here**).
10. I am usually too full for a rich, sweet (**desert, dessert**).
11. Are you (**already, all ready**) to leave?
12. Horses don't travel well in the (**desert, dessert**).

13. Did your book lose **(it's, its)** cover?
14. All those cars **(accept, except)** the blue one were considered for the parade.
15. The tourists visited the **(Capitol, capital)** in Washington, D.C.
16. Have you eaten **(all ready, already)**?
17. **(Its, It's)** my daughter's birthday today.
18. We saw her **(hear, here)** at the park entrance yesterday afternoon.
19. After they ate **(desert, dessert)**, they went to the concert.
20. My neighbor **(accepted, excepted)** the responsibility for painting the house.