

## WORDS MIXED UP & MISUSED

- Enjoy:** I enjoyed myself a lot: we enjoyed ourselves very much. We went for a picnic and enjoyed it very much.  
**Rule:** You must enjoy yourself or something.  
(**Not:** I enjoyed a lot)
- Reach:** When did you reach Sargodha? I reached the station at 6 'o'clock.
- Arrive:** When did you arrive? & not reach when no place is given.  
Do not use to, at or in after reach.
- Beat:** We beat our opponents easily (in a game).
- Defeat:** The English defeated the French (in a battle).
- Win:** To win a game, a match, a victory, a prize, a battle, a bet.  
**Rule:** You don't win your opponent in a game or the enemy in battle.
- Give up:** I have given up hockey, smoking etc. (**Not:** left)
- Release:** The police have released (set free) the prisoner (**Not:** left)
- Let go:** The teacher let us go at 4.30. (**Not:** left us)
- Let off:** The teacher let me off for telling the truth (**Not:** left me)  
**Rule:** Don't use leave when you mean give up, release, let off.
- Put on:** I put on my coat and went out: Put on your shoes.  
I wear a jersey in the winter: he was wearing a coat.

	<b>Rule:</b> <u>wear</u> & <u>wearing</u> are used for habit or state. <u>put on</u> shows. (action: was putting on = was wearing)
<b>Search:</b>	The police caught the thief and searched him (felt in his pockets).
<b>Search for:</b>	I am searching ( <u>looking</u> ) <u>for</u> my book. <b>Rule:</b> Don't use <u>search</u> or <u>find</u> when you mean <u>search for</u> .
<b>Rob:</b>	The robber robbed him of his watch. (to <u>rob</u> a person <u>of</u> a thing)
<b>Steal:</b>	Somebody has stolen my pen. (to <u>steal</u> a thing)
<b>Steal away:</b>	On seeing the policeman, he stole away. (went away quietly)
<b>Say:</b>	He said that he would go. (Don't use <u>told</u> when no person is given)
<b>Tell:</b>	He told <u>me</u> that he would go.
<b>See:</b>	I saw a book lying on the floor. ( <u>See</u> must have an object)
<b>Look:</b>	I looked out of the window; I looked all around.
<b>Look at:</b>	I looked at my watch. (to see a thing carefully, you look at it)
<b>Hear:</b>	I heard a noise; I heard some one coming.
<b>Listen to:</b>	He would not listen to me; I listen to the radio daily.
<b>Put:</b>	I put the book on the table. (Use <u>put</u> when you mean <u>placed</u> )

<b>Keep:</b>	I keep my books in my desk. ( <u>Keep</u> shows habit)
<b>May &amp; Can:</b>	May I go? (used for permission). Can you swim?
<b>Invent:</b>	The Americans invented the Atom Bomb. (something new)
<b>Discover:</b>	Scientists discovered the composition of the air.
<b>Deny:</b>	He denied <u>that</u> he had stolen the money; He denied the charge.
<b>Refuse:</b>	He refused <u>to</u> go; I asked him to help me but he refused (to do so)
<b>Wake up &amp; Get up:</b>	I woke up at 6 o'clock and got up at 6:30.
<b>Stay &amp; Live:</b>	I stayed with my friend for a few days: I live in Lahore.
<b>Care for:</b>	I don't care for him = I don't' like him.
<b>Care about:</b>	I don't care about him = I don't mind what he says or does.
<b>Too &amp; Very:</b>	The film was very interesting; The game was very exciting. This coat is too big for me; It is too hot to play. <b>Note:</b> Don't use <u>too</u> when you mean <u>very</u> .
<b>Older:</b>	I am older than he is (in comparison always use <u>older than</u> )
<b>Elder:</b>	He is my elder brother: My elder brother is in the army.
<b>Full of:</b>	The jug was full of milk.

<b>Covered with:</b>	The ground was covered with snow: His face was covered with blood.
<b>Few:</b>	He has few friends = he has hardly any friends (used with plural)
<b>A few:</b>	He has a few friends -= he has some friends (used with plural words)
<b>Little:</b>	He has little money = he has hardly any money (used with singular)
<b>A little:</b>	He has a little money = he has some money (used with singular)
<b>Less:</b>	He has less money than I have (used in comparison with singular)
<b>Fewer:</b>	He has fewer friends than I have (used with plural words) <b>Note:</b> Never use <u>less</u> when you mean <u>insufficient</u> or <u>not enough</u> . e.g. I could not buy it because I had insufficient money. <u>Less</u> is used in comparison & is followed by than.
<b>Slowly &amp; Quietly:</b>	<u>Slowly</u> does not mean <u>quietly</u> : Slowly refers to speed.
<b>Not &amp; Never:</b>	Don't use <u>never</u> when you mean <u>not</u> : I did not go yesterday.
<b>Many &amp; So many:</b>	Don't use <u>so many</u> when you really mean <u>many</u> . He has many children. He has <u>so many</u> children <u>that</u> he cannot educate them all. I had never seen so many animals before.

<b>Wounded:</b>	He was wounded in the battle.
<b>Injured:</b>	He was injured during the game (in the accident)
<b>War &amp; Battle:</b>	The first battle of Panipat: The Second World War.
<b>Know, Come to know, Find out:</b>	Don't use <u>know</u> when you mean <u>find out</u> etc. e.g. He soon found out (realized, discovered) his mistake.
<b>Side &amp; Direction:</b>	Don't use side when you mean direction. e.g. I went in that <u>direction</u> (Not: I went to that side)
<b>Voice &amp; Sound:</b>	<u>Voice</u> can be used only of the human voice.
<b>Watch &amp; Clock:</b>	A wrist watch or a pocket watch. All the rest are clocks.
<b>Fingers &amp; Toes:</b>	We have four fingers & a thumb on each hand. We have five toes on each foot. (one is called the big toe)
<b>Hope &amp; Wish:</b>	I hope that I shall pass. (used for the future) I wish I had passed. (used for the past)
<b>Grateful: (to a person)</b>	I am grateful to you for your help.
<b>Thankful: (to God)</b>	When I heard the good news, I felt very thankful.
<b>Bank &amp; Shore:</b>	The bank of a river, canal, stream. The shore of an ocean, sea, lake.
<b>Excited:</b>	The spectators were very excited. (no idea of fear)

<b>Nervous:</b>	When the Principal sent for me, I felt very nervous. (frightened)
<b>Later:</b>	A few days later: A little later: I'll see you later.
<b>Latter:</b>	Aslam and Rashid are good players. The <u>former</u> is better than the latter.
<b>Some time:</b>	After some time: some time later (two words)
<b>Sometimes:</b>	I sometimes go to the cinema. (one word)
<b>Till, Up to, As far as:</b>	Don't use <u>till</u> except for time (not distance) The Journey was pleasant as far as (up to) Pindi.
<b>To lie: (lying, lay, lain)</b>	I lay down on the ground: it was lying on the floor.
<b>To lay: (laying, laid)</b>	The hen laid an egg.
<b>Make up &amp; Cover up:</b>	Don't use <u>cover up</u> when you mean <u>make up</u> . Owing to my illness I had a lot of work to make up.
<b>Shoot &amp; Hunt:</b>	Don't use <u>hunt</u> when you mean <u>shoot</u> . I went for a shoot last Sunday (i.e. with guns)
<b>Prize:</b>	He won a prize for coming top of his Class.
<b>Price:</b>	What is the price of this book?
<b>Reward:</b>	He was given a reward for informing the police.
<b>Relaxation and Refreshment:</b>	Don't use <u>refreshment</u> for <u>relaxation</u> . After the day's work, we need some relaxation.

<b>Remaining and Rest:</b>	Rest cannot be used as an Adjective. The remaining batsmen were soon out. The rest of the batsmen were soon out.
<b>Owing to:</b>	Owing to his idleness he failed: Don't use <u>due to</u> at the beginning. His failure was due to his idleness.
<b>Some &amp; Any:</b>	I bought some books. Did you buy any books? I did not buy any books. (Question. & Negative.)
<b>Crowd &amp; Rush:</b>	There was a great crowd round the booking office. There was a great rush for the train on its arrival.
<b>Until &amp; Unless:</b>	<u>Until</u> is used for time & <u>unless</u> is used for condition.
<b>Boy &amp; girl, Son &amp; daughter:</b>	Don't use <u>boy &amp; girl</u> for <u>son &amp; daughter</u> .
<b>People &amp; Peoples:</b>	Many people were waiting on the platform. The peoples of the world ( races, nations)
<b>Enemy &amp; Enemies:</b>	The enemy attacked us: he has many enemies.
<b>Fight &amp; Quarrel:</b>	Don't use <u>fight</u> when you really mean <u>quarrel</u> .
<b>Dress &amp; Change:</b>	Don't use <u>change</u> when you put on your clothes and take off your sleeping suit. Use I dressed.

## WORDS MIXED UP

<b>Their</b>	Their books are in their desks.
<b>There</b>	I saw him there. There is a book on the table.
<b>Week</b>	There are seven days in a week.
<b>Weak</b>	After his illness he was very weak.
<b>Deer</b>	I saw a deer in the forest. (Never write "deers")
<b>Dear</b>	My dear friend. Nowadays food is very dear. (costly).
<b>Weather</b>	I do not like the cold weather.
<b>Whether</b>	I do not know whether he will go. (=if)
<b>Hole</b>	The snake lived in a hole.
<b>Whole</b>	He worked the whole day.
<b>Aloud</b>	He was reading aloud.
<b>Allowed</b>	I allowed him to go.
<b>Waste</b>	Do not waste your time.
<b>Waist</b>	He is 33 inches round the waist.
<b>Piece</b>	Please give me a piece of paper.
<b>Peace</b>	After the war there was peace.
<b>Hear</b>	I could not hear any noise.
<b>Here</b>	Why have you come here?
<b>Heard</b>	Have you heard the news?
<b>Herd</b>	I saw a herd of deer in the jungle.
<b>Bear</b>	A bear is an animal; or, I cannot bear the cold of the winter.
<b>Bare</b>	Don't walk about with bare feet.
<b>Steal</b>	It is a sin to steal.
<b>Steel</b>	Pen nibs are made of steel.

<b>Tale</b>	I read a very interesting tale. (= story)
<b>Tail</b>	He cut off the snake's tail.
<b>Fair</b>	It is not fair to cheat. Your work is quite fair.
<b>Fare</b>	The railway fare was one hundred rupees.
<b>Hair</b>	The barber cut my hair.
<b>Hare</b>	A hare once had a race with a tortoise.
<b>New</b>	I bought a new coat.
<b>Knew</b>	I knew that he would come.
<b>Road</b>	He walked along the road.
<b>Rode</b>	The man rode on the horse and his son walked.
<b>Meet</b>	I shall meet my friend tomorrow.
<b>Meat</b>	I never eat meat.
<b>Red</b>	Red is a colour.
<b>Read</b>	I read the book.
<b>Rain</b>	I think it will rain tomorrow.
<b>Reign</b>	Akbar's reign started in 1556.
<b>Rein</b>	We cannot ride a horse without reins.
<b>Break</b>	Don't break the windows.
<b>Brake</b>	I put on the brake to stop the car.
<b>Thrown</b>	Who has thrown these books on the floor?
<b>Throne</b>	Aurangzeb came to the throne in 1658.
<b>Quite</b>	I am quite well.
<b>Quiet</b>	The teacher told the boys to keep quiet.
<b>Fond</b>	I am fond of reading.
<b>Found</b>	I found the book which I had lost.
<b>Lose</b>	Don't lose your books.
<b>Loose</b>	This coat is too loose for me.

<b>Accept</b>	I cannot accept your present.
<b>Except</b>	They all went except me.
<b>Expect</b>	I expect that he will come. (= think).
<b>Then</b>	I finished my work. Then I went to bed.
<b>Than</b>	He is older than I am.
<b>Through</b>	He went through a thick forest.
<b>Threw</b>	Who threw that stone?
<b>Wander</b>	We wandered through the forest.
<b>Wonder</b>	I wonder when he will come.

