



# Pesky Words A-Z

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## A Lot

**A lot** (adverbial phrase: many; always two words, not “alot”)

Allot is another word that means to give something, especially dividing a quantity of something to several people.

We were each **alloted** four Slim Jims from Dave’s box of 125. That wasn’t **a lot** per person.

## Accept vs. Except

**Accept** (verb: receive or agree to)

**Except** (preposition: excluding)

I **accept** your offer of fifty bucks for this old fishing rod, and I’ll throw in everything in this tackle box **except** the orange Rapala.

## Access vs. Excess

**Access** (noun/verb: entry or approach)

**Excess** (noun/adjective: too much)

We were unable to **access** the garage service door because of the collection of **excess** 4” pvc tubing.

## Addition vs. Edition

**Addition** (noun: act of adding or something added)

**Edition** (noun: version of a publication)

The new **edition** of Pointy Guitar Magazine has the nice **addition** of a tri-fold pullout on black B.C. Rich Mockingbirds.

## Adverse vs. Averse

**Adverse** (adjective: unfavorable)

**Averse** (adjective: opposed to)

I had an **adverse** reaction to ragweed that made my eyeball nearly explode. I’m now ragweed **averse**.

## Advice vs. Advise

**Advice** (noun: recommendation)

**Advise** (verb: recommend)

I would **advise** Skipper to not take rescue **advice** from him Gilligan.

## Affect vs. Effect

**Affect** (verb: influence)

**Effect** (noun: result/outcome; verb: bring about)

This really good donut shop next door to me will definitely **affect** me. The **effect** will be felt on my bank balance and my belly.

## All Ready vs. Already

**All ready** (phrase: fully prepared)

**Already** (adverb: happened before now)

Dave was **all ready** to shovel his driveway when he discovered that his teenage son got up early and **already** cleared it. Ha ha ha.

## Allude vs. Elude

**Allude** (verb: refer indirectly)

**Elude** (verb: escape or avoid)

Are you trying to **allude** to the time we used carefully thrown salmon treats to **elude** the vicious bark of the corgis?

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