

Brews vs. Bruise

Uttering the words “brews” and “bruise” without context or showing anyone their spellings can be quite confusing. As we all know, the English language contains words that sound alike but differ in meaning and spelling. These are called homophones. Today, we will discuss the difference between “brews” and “bruise” and how you can use them correctly in your writing or even speaking.

First, brews can function as a noun that means “a drink (such as beer or ale) that is made by brewing,” “a mixture of different things,” or “a cup of tea.”

R.I.’s newest beer company, Shaidzon, launches with 5 brews
[Providence Journal](#)

Master of all the brews
[Khmer Times](#)

It’s OK To Drink Cold Coffee That Isn’t Cold Brew
[Lifehacker](#)

The words brews can also be used as a verb meaning “to prepare (beer, ale, etc.) by steeping, boiling, and fermentation or by infusion and fermentation.”

This coffee mug brews individual K-cups on the go and it’s honestly revolutionary
[Insider](#)

Magic Hat brews for a good cause
[NBC](#)

Furniture company also brews beer
[WZZM](#)

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Still as a verb but used figuratively, brews may mean “to be in the process of forming.”

Storm brews over control of Sh60bn roads repair kitty

[Daily Nation](#)

After Trump’s Bonhomie in Beijing, a Trade Face-Off Brews

[The Wall Street Journal](#)

Battle brews over parking spots

[Gloucester Times](#)

On the other hand, the word bruise is used as a noun meaning “an injury involving rupture of small blood vessels and discoloration without a break in the overlying skin.”

Warriors’ Stephen Curry to miss Monday’s game with thigh bruise

[ESPN](#)

Pelicans’ Anthony Davis has bruise of orbital bone, probable for OKC

[ABC News](#)

Redskins’ Trent Williams: Dealing with bone bruise, ligament damage

[CBS Sports](#)

Meanwhile, the definition of bruise as a verb is “to inflict an injury involving rupture of small blood vessels and discoloration without a break in the overlying skin or a similar injury to plant tissue.”

If you bruise easily, it could be a sign that your blood vessel walls—which are made largely from collagen—are weak.

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Now that you have learned the differences between brews and bruise, can you use them in your own sentences? Share them below!