It is not surprising that the words climactic and climatic would cause confusion among people. Not only do their spellings look alike, with only a single extra ‘c’ separating these two words, they also have similar sounds. Despite these similarities, these terms are different in terms of meanings. This post will help you identify these differences and enable you to use them properly in your writing.

The word climactic is used as an adjective which means “of, relating to, or constituting a climax” or “exciting or thrilling and acting as a climax to a series of events.”

Want to Learn the Climactic “Ralph Macchio“ Portion of the ‘Crossroads’ Guitar Duel? Watch This Video!
Guitar World Magazine

Twitter Wants To Help You Welcome 2018 With One Climactic Musical Moment
KCBX

Marody, Michigan headed for climactic ending
The Michigan Daily

Note that there is the term anticlimactic which is an adjective meaning “causing disappointment at the end of an exciting or impressive series of events.”

Fox’s Joe Buck called the Vikings’ PAT try ‘anticlimactic.’ But to bettors, it wasn’t.
Chicago Tribune

Review: Phantom Thread is an anticlimactic swan song for Daniel Day-Lewis
Metro Weekly

For the 700th Issue of The Flash, It’s Origin Recaps and Anticlimactic Villain Appearances
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On the other hand, the word climatic functions as an adjective which means “of or relating to climate” or “resulting from or influenced by the climate rather than the soil.”

Hybrid maintenance vehicle undergoes climatic testing
International Railway Journal

There is still no room for complacency in matters climatic
The Economist

Govt preparing action plan to deal with climatic health hazards: Bali Bhagat
State Times

Now that we’ve discussed how to distinguish between climactic and climatic, you should be able to utilize these words in your sentences more accurately. Remember that climactic relates to something thrilling or a climax while climatic pertains to the climate.