

Confidant vs Confident

Some English words look very much alike but are very different in terms of meaning and use. This is true with the terms confidant and confident. Although these two words are only separated by a single letter in their spellings, they are miles apart in terms of definition and function. This post will help you determine their differences to help you avoid confusion and use them properly in your writing.

The word confidant is generally used as a noun referring to “a person with whom one shares a secret or private matter, trusting them not to repeat it to others.”

Jewish Trump Confidant: US President Has Convinced Abbas to Make Concessions
[Jerusalem Post Israel News](#)

From Kejriwal's Confidant to 'BJP Stooge': Kapil Mishra's Journey in AAP
[News18](#)

Sean Hannity Lashes Out at 'New York Times' Over Trump Confidant Story
[Hollywood Reporter](#)

Additionally, some writers make the distinction of using the term confidante, with an extra “e” at the end, to refer to female confidants.

France's First Lady, a Confidante and Coach, May Break the Mold
[New York Times](#)

Hunt for married policeman who revealed fake suicide to confidante
[The Times](#)

When Adolf Hitler confidante Unity Mitford came to stay
[BBC News](#)

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On the other hand, the word confident functions as an adjective meaning “feeling or showing confidence in oneself,” “self-assured,” or “full of conviction.”

Australia coach Darren Lehmann confident Ashes strike will not go ahead

[The Guardian](#)

Phil Jackson Says Knicks Are Good at What They Do, Confident in No. 8 Draft Pick

[Bleacher Report](#)

Here’s one area where women are more confident with their money than men

[MarketWatch](#)

One technique you can use to determine which word to use is to remember that if you believe in yourself, then you must be confident but if you put your trust on another person, then he is your confidant. Hopefully, this post will help you avoid confusion between these terms in the future.