

# Exalt vs. Exult

The terms exalt and exult belong to a group of words called homophones, two or more words having the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins, or spelling. Not only do they sound similar, they also look similar with a single letter setting them apart in spelling. This post will determine the differences between the two words in terms of meaning and use to help you avoid confusion in the future.

The word exalt is used as a verb meaning “to hold someone or something in very high regard,” “to think or speak very highly of,” or “to raise to a higher rank or a position of greater power.” The word is always used as a transitive verb, which means it cannot be used without a direct object, the recipient of the action.

“In particular the Synod aimed to exalt the local bishops’ authority at the expense of the Pope’s.”

[Catholic Herald Online](#)

“For these reasons, sane Americans must resist Donald Trump, just as we must resist all false gods and the zealots who exalt them.”

[New Pittsburgh Courier](#)

“Much like the original Surfaces highlighted Windows 8, and the gorgeous Surface Studio exists to exalt Windows 10’s inking chops, this new Surface Laptop is Windows 10 S’s paragon.”

[PCWorld](#)

On the other hand, the term exult is used as a verb meaning “to show or feel elation or jubilation, especially as the result of a success.” It functions as an intransitive verb, which means it does not have a direct object.

Fans exult as international football returns to Iraq

[The Express Tribune](#)

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[Noisey](#)

Trump Exults in Victory and Mocks Critics at Cincinnati Rally

[Bloomberg](#)

Now that you have learned the differences between exalt and exult, it would be easier for you to use them in your writing. Just remember that if you exalt something or someone, you are in adoration or admiration. If you exult, then you are in jubilation.