

Sew vs. So vs. Sow

Another set of homophones that cause confusion includes the words sew, so, and sow. Although these three terms sound very much alike, their uses and meanings are far from similar. This post will present their definitions along with examples so you can identify which word is more appropriate to use in your sentence.

The word sew is used as a verb which means “to join, fasten, or repair something by making stitches with a needle and thread or a sewing machine.”

Sew it, code it, build it: Makers gonna make this weekend at Denver Maker Faire
[The Denver Post](#)

LTHS Students to sew customized ties for 10 staff members
[Chicago Tribune](#)

Days for Girls sew 100 invaluable gifts for those in need
[Gladstone Observer](#)

In relation to the term, there is a verb phrase “sew something up” which means “to bring something to a favourable conclusion” or “achieve exclusive control over something.”

Central Valley routs Lewis and Clark to sew up GSL 4A title
[The Spokesman-Review](#)

Online apparel retailer Stitch Fix aims to sew up its own IPO
[San Francisco Business Times](#)

Meanwhile, the word so functions as an adverb meaning “to such a great extent” or “to the same extent.”

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12 Things That Made Getting A Dog So Much Easier For Me

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Golden Knights reminded us why sports can matter so much

[New York Post](#)

An Appetizer So Good It Should Be Dinner

[New York Times](#)

It can also serve as a conjunction which means “and for this reason” or “in order that.”

The fridge that sends you shelfies... so you'll never need a shopping list again

[Daily Mail](#)

As goes Pennsylvania's congressional delegation, so goes Congress

[Washington Examiner](#)

NY Times changes social media guidelines so reporters don't appear biased

[Fox News](#)

On the other hand, the term sow can be used as a noun referring to “an adult female swine and of various other animals” or “a channel that conducts molten metal to molds.”

Research finds ADM's CitriStim enhances sow reproductive performance

[National Hog Farmer](#)

Thai agribusiness Betagro to move away from sow crates

[Pig Progress](#)

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It may also be used as a verb meaning “to plant seed for growth especially by scattering” or “to set something in motion.”

Hindu festival Dashain begins in Nepal with sowing of maize, barley

[Outlook India](#)

Ken Burns: How Vietnam War sowed the seeds of a divided America

[The Guardian](#)

Early sowing offers best results in southern high rainfall zone

[Grain Central](#)

Now that we've discussed the different uses and meanings of sew, so, and sow, can you write your own sentences using the three terms on the comment section below?