Another pair of words that often cause confusion among many of us is troop and troupe. While these two terms have different spellings, they share similar sounds that often make people misuse them. Despite this similarity, they are very different in terms of meaning and use. Today, this post will guide you in understanding the differences between these two and enable you to use them properly.

The word troop is most commonly used as a noun referring to “a group of soldiers” or “a cavalry unit corresponding to an infantry company.”

However, it may also function as a verb meaning “to move or gather in crowds” or “to go one’s way.”

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On the other hand, the term *troupe* is used as a noun pertaining to “a group of dancers, actors, or other entertainers who tour to different venues.”

Comedy troupe behind “Impractical Jokers” TV show to perform at WolsteinCenter in January

Cleveland

To save Yiddish theater, a troupe of Romanian actors abandon their home

The Times of Israel

Surrey’s seniors entertainment troupe returns for 14th annual benefit concert

Surrey Now-Leader

After we discussed the differences in use and meaning between troop and troupe, you are now probably able to distinguish between the two words. Keep in mind that *troop* deals with the military or movement by group while *troupe* mainly refers to theatre and dance groups.