

# Words commonly confused

## Admit and confess

To admit is to acknowledge truth. Admit can also mean 'allow somebody to enter'.

*I must admit that it was a tempting offer.*

## Confess

To confess is to admit having done something wrong.

*She confessed having stolen the money.*

## Amount and number

Use amount before an uncountable noun. Use number with a countable noun.

*A large amount of money was wasted on the project.*

*A large number of people took part in the competition.*

## Anxious and eager

When you are anxious, you are feeling nervous or worried.

*I am anxious about his health. (= I am worried about your health.)*

## Eager

When you are eager to do something you are enthusiastic and excited about it.

*She is eager to prove her mettle.*

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*We are eager to see you healthy again.*

Apt and liable

When you are apt to do something, you are likely to do something.

*He is apt to get angry.*

Liable means responsible.

*You are liable for the damage caused by your action.*

Audience and spectators

Audience means people listening to a radio program.

*The speaker bored the audience with his long speech.*

A spectator is a person who watches a match or a show.

*The dancers enchanted the spectators with their magical performance.*

Climate and weather

Climate means the typical weather in a region over a period of years.

*The climate of Mumbai is better than the climate of Chennai.*

Weather

Weather means the state of atmosphere on a particular day.

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*The weather was stormy.*