

# Words confused

Couple and pair

Couple: a husband and wife or a boyfriend and girlfriend.

*Two couples remained on the dance floor.*

Pair: two things of the same kind which go together.

Example: *a pair of shoes, a pair of trousers*

Despise and detest

Despise: have a very low opinion of someone or something; regard someone as worthless.

*One must not despise the poor.*

Detest: hate

*I detest the hot climate of Chennai.*

Habit and custom

Habit: something which a person does so often that he does it without thinking about it

Custom: the usual or normal way of doing things

*It is our custom to give presents on Christmas Day.*

*John has this nasty habit of making unpleasant remarks.*

Leave and let

# Words confused

Leave: to go away from somewhere; to put something somewhere and allow it to stay there

*Leave your shoes outside.*

*I left my coat in the bedroom.*

Let: allow someone to do something; allow something to happen

*Let him go.*

Legible and readable

Legible: clearly written, easy to read

Readable: writing that is easy or pleasant to read

*Your handwriting is not at all legible.*

*The book was full of technical jargon which made it hardly readable.*

Patron and customer

Patron: person who supports financially the artistic or social work of a person or society

*The artist thanked his patrons.*

Customer: person buying things in a shop

*He is a regular customer of ours.*

People and person

# Words confused

Person: a man, woman or child

People: men and women in general; all those persons forming a nation or race

*Government of the people by the people for the people*

*He is a nice person.*