

## Arnold's Frequently Confused Words - Study Guide

From *Media Writer's Handbook 5e*, pp. 223-308

Reviewed in Class	Other Problems to Review
<p><b>A-C</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Afterward, not afterwards</li> <li>■ All ready – already</li> <li>■ All right – alright</li> <li>■ Alumnus – alumna / Alumnae – alumni</li> <li>■ Arbitrate - mediate</li> <li>■ Aroma – smell - odor</li> <li>■ Biannual – biennial</li> <li>■ Bimonthly - semi-monthly</li> <li>■ Cannot - can not</li> <li>■ Compared to – compared with</li> <li>■ Compliment – complement</li> <li>■ Council – counsel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept – except</li> <li>Admitted – said</li> <li>Affect – effect</li> <li>Amid, not amidst</li> <li>Anecdote – antidote</li> <li>Ascent – assent</li> <li>Avert, avoid, prevent</li> <li>Baited – bated</li> <li>Bouillon – bullion</li> <li>Contemptible – contemptuous</li> <li>Cynic – skeptic</li> </ul>
<p><b>D-F</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Diagnosis – prognosis</li> <li>■ Different than – different from</li> <li>■ Discover – invent</li> <li>■ Dissociate – disassociate</li> <li>■ Each, every – each and every</li> <li>■ Eminent – imminent</li> <li>■ Expect, suppose, suspect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage – demolish – destroy</li> <li>Discreet – discrete</li> <li>Disprove – dispute</li> <li>Doubtful – dubious</li> <li>Dreamed, not dreamt</li> <li>Ecology – environment</li> <li>Emigrate – immigrate</li> <li>Enthusiastic – enthused</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Flack – flak</li> <li>■ Flammable, inflammable – nonflammable</li> <li>■ Flaunt – flout</li> <li>■ Flier – flyer</li> <li>■ Forego – forgo</li> </ul>	<p>Everyday – every day</p> <p>Everyone – every one</p> <p>Farther – further</p> <p>Faze – phase</p> <p>Forward, not forwards</p>
<p><b>G-L</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Garnish – garnishee</li> <li>■ Good – well</li> <li>■ Gorilla – guerilla</li> <li>■ Graduated -- graduated from</li> <li>■ Height, not heighth</li> <li>■ If – whether</li> <li>■ Imply – infer</li> <li>■ In, into, in to</li> <li>■ Inquire – enquire</li> <li>■ Interesting – intriguing</li> <li>■ Lead – led</li> <li>■ Loathe -- loathe</li> </ul>	<p>Gentlemen – men</p> <p>Guarantee – guaranty</p> <p>Hangar - hanger</p> <p>Historic - historical</p> <p>History, not past history</p> <p>Identity with, not identify to</p> <p>Ingenious - ingenuous</p> <p>Inter – intern / interment</p> <p>Inter – intra</p> <p>Its – it’s</p> <p>Last – past</p> <p>Leave – let</p> <p>Libel – slander</p>

**M-R**

- Majority - plurality
- May -- might
- On, onto, on to
- Palate, palette, pallet
- Passable – passible
- People - person
- Prophecy -- prophesy
- Pretense -- pretext
- Ravage -- ravish
- Recur -- reoccur
- Refuse -- decline
- Reluctant -- reticent

Marshal – marshall  
Maybe – may be  
Memento, not momento  
Moot – mute  
Naval – navel  
Ordinance – ordnance  
Passed – past  
Peak – peek – pique  
Persecute – prosecute  
Premier – premiere  
Prostate – prostrate  
Reconsider/re-examine – revisit  
Reign – rein  
Respectfully -- respectively

**S-Z**

- Should have -- not should of
- Sit -- set
- Sometime -- some time
- Stanch – staunch

Should have, not should of  
Sole – soul  
Spaded – spayed  
Spilled, not spilt

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Stationary -- stationery</li> <li>■ Telecast -- televise</li> <li>■ Titled -- not entitled</li> <li>■ Tortuous -- torturous</li> <li>■ Troop -- troupe</li> <li>■ Under way -- underway</li> <li>■ Unidentified -- unknown</li> <li>■ Waive -- waiver -- waver</li> <li>■ Want -- wish</li> <li>■ Would have -- not would of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supposed to, not suppose to</li> <li>Their – there – they’re</li> <li>Titled, not entitled</li> <li>Toward, not towards</li> <li>Undoubtedly, not undoubtably</li> <li>Vain – vane – vein</li> <li>Verses – versus</li> <li>Who’s – whose</li> <li>Would have, not would of</li> <li>Your – you’re</li> </ul>
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