



# Said is dead

...but *how* did they say it?



## Normally?

stated

spoke

remarked

reported

added

## As a question?

asked

inquired

requested

begged

## As an answer?

answered

replied

responded

acknowledged

explained

## Happily?

rejoiced

laughed

joked

giggled

sang

cheered

smirked

marveled

chimed

beamed

## Loudly?

shouted

belted

yelled

screamed

exclaimed

boomed

called

## Full of worry?

quaked

trembled

stammered

stuttered

gulped

## Angrily?

demanded

hissed

fumed

thundered

snapped

sneered

barked

ranted

grunted

roared

bellowed

## Bossily?

commanded

ordered

dictated

insisted

## Sadly?

cried

sobbed

groaned

bawled

whined

## Quietly?

mumbled

muttered

whispered

## Silently?

thought

wondered

pondered

# Word usage and spelling

## Common confusions in word usage

Confused words	How they differ	Example
among vs between	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Among is used for undifferentiated items.</li> <li>Between is used with individual, named items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She couldn't decide among all the colleges.</li> <li>She couldn't decide between Magdalen or St Hilda's.</li> </ul>
mutual vs reciprocal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mutual is used when more than one person has the same feeling/opinion as another towards a third party/object/concept etc.</li> <li>Reciprocal is used when two or more people feel, think or act in the same way about or to one another.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'I disagree with the government's policy on carrots.' 'So do I. The feeling's mutual.'</li> <li>'I won't steal your cheese.' 'I won't steal your cheese either. We have a reciprocal arrangement.'</li> </ul>
less vs fewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less is used with nouns which are not countable objects: if you could use <b>much</b> to describe having a lot of the noun, use <b>less</b>.</li> <li>Fewer is used with countable objects: if you could use <b>many</b> to describe having a lot of the noun, use <b>fewer</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'I can't eat that much cheese; please give me less.'</li> <li>'I can't eat that many sprouts; please give me fewer.'</li> </ul>
effect vs affect (verb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effect as a verb means to bring about, or to have the result that.</li> <li>Affect as a verb means to have an impact on or to change something; it also means to simulate something which is untrue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A glass of brandy may effect his recovery [bring his recovery about].</li> <li>A glass of brandy may affect his recovery [have an impact on whether he recovers].</li> <li>He affected to have drunk only one glass of brandy [when he had actually drunk more than one glass].</li> </ul>
effect vs affect (noun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effect as a noun means the impact something causes.</li> <li>Affect as a noun means someone's outward appearance of their psychological state.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The storm had wide-reaching effects.</li> <li>His affect was one of cheerful indifference.</li> </ul>
infer vs imply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infer is to read a meaning into a statement which has not been explicitly stated: to read between the lines.</li> <li>Imply is to suggest something without explicitly stating it: to hint at something (usually something negative).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He told me that these one-size-fits-all gloves fit most people's hands. I inferred that he thought my hands were too big, and resented what he was implying.</li> </ul>
compared to vs compared with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparing something <b>to</b> another thing highlights a (perhaps metaphorical) similarity</li> <li>Comparing something <b>with</b> another thing highlights the differences between them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?</li> <li>Price comparison websites allow you to compare one company's prices and policies with those of their competitors.</li> </ul>

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