

ENGLISH CONFUSING WORDS FOR SSC CHSL AND CPO EXAMS

1. Ascribe and Describe

Ascribe(verb): "to attribute to"

E.g. She **ascribed** her feelings of jealousy to insecurity.

Describe (verb): "to show what something is by drawing a picture with words.

E.g. **Describe** in detail what the man looked like.

2. Auger and Augur.

Auger(noun): a tool resembling a large corkscrew, for boring holes in wood.

E.g. Stress management experts, however, are now suggesting that **auger** has been done a great disservice.

Augur (verb): (of an event or circumstance) portend a good or bad outcome.

E.g. Diminishing gas prices **augur** a high amount of road travel on the upcoming holiday.

3. Bait and Bate.

Bait(verb): to persecute or exasperate with unjust, malicious, or persistent attacks

E.g. Too often, offenses pick up a huge gain just by heaving the ball and **baiting** the ref into ruling interference against the defender

Bate(verb): to reduce the force or intensity of.

E.g. Until it was time to open the presents, the children had to **bate** their curiosity.

4. Coddling and Codling

Coddling (gerund form of verb Coddle): tenderly treating

E.g. How do parents avoid coddling such a hard-won child?

Codling (noun): small, unripe apple

E.g. The three major insect pests are apple maggot, codling moth and plum curculio.

5. Complacence and Complaisance

Complacence(noun): calm or secure satisfaction with oneself or one's lot

E.g. His **complacence** extending to the new dynasty, Henry VII, made him earl marshal in 1485 and marquess of Berkeley in 1487.

Complaisance(noun): willingness to please others by being polite and fitting in with their plans.

E.g. We yielded at last, out of **complaisance** towards her, and were rewarded by feeling wonderfully refreshed by a solid meal.

6. Conform and Confirm

Conform(verb): (of a person) behave according to socially acceptable conventions or standards.

E.g. In some schools, students must **conform** by wearing uniforms.

Confirm(verb): establish the truth or correctness of (something previously believed or suspected to be the case)

E.g. Without a signature, the judge could not **confirm** that the woman was served with the notice.

7. Innervate and Enervate

Innervate(verb): to supply with nerves or vitality.

E.g. The therapist **innervated** the shoulders with massage.

Enervate(verb): to weaken or destroy the vitality of.

E.g. The negative attitude **enervated** her enthusiasm.

8. Emolument and Emollient

Emolument(noun): An emolument is a salary or other compensation for a job.

E.g. The **emolument** for his new position far exceeded that of Henry's last post.

Emollient(adjective): having the quality of softening or soothing the skin.

E.g. The oils secreted by the skin are **emollients** that keep the skin soft.

9. Gallop and Galop

Gallop(noun): the fastest pace of a horse or other quadruped, with all the feet off the ground together in each stride.

E.g. The startled horse broke into a swift gallop and darted through the trees.

Galop(noun): a lively ballroom dance in duple time, popular in the late 18th century.

10. Perspicacious and Perspicuous.

Perspicacious(adjective): having a ready insight into and understanding of things.

E.g. I am too **perspicacious** to be taken in by such a ruse.

Perspicuous(adjective): clearly expressed and easily understood; lucid.

E.g. The audience had no problem understanding the presenter's **perspicuous** speech.

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