



Words that look similar

Some groups of words look similar and can be confusing. The best way to remember them is to learn their meanings and how they're used in sentences. This will help you to work out which word and spelling to use.

Word	Hint
bought	past tense of the verb 'to buy' eg He bought three shirts in the sale.
brought	past tense of the verb 'to bring' eg She brought lots of food to the party.
though	means 'in spite of the fact' eg She ran 3 miles though it was very hot.
through	means 'to go from one end to another' eg He took a train through the Channel Tunnel.
thorough	means 'complete' or 'very detailed' e.g. She gave a thorough account of the event.

Is it 's' or 'c'?

Remember the difference between each of the words in the pairs below by the fact that the noun is always spelt with a 'c' and the verb with an 's'.

If this is confusing, think about how the word is being used in the sentence. You might find it helpful to remember the following sentence: **Send for the cat.**

Think '**s**' for the **verb 'send'** and '**c**' for the **noun 'cat'**.

She had lots of practice in running.	noun
She practises every day.	verb
He has a driving licence .	noun
The publican is licensed to sell beer, wines and spirits.	verb
My advice is to run away.	noun
I advise you to stand still.	verb