Words Often Confused A

Review the Words Often Confused covered on pages 380-381 of your textbook for information on the correct spelling and usage of the following terms.

accept, except advice, advise

affect, effect

all ready, already

all together, altogether

all right

altar, alter

brake, break

EXERCISE A Underline the word or word group in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

Example 1. I am (all together, altogether) pleased with the results of my experiment.

- 1. When the school bus driver applied her air (brake, break), she heard a hissing noise.
- **2.** Will you (accept, except) my sincere apology?
- **3.** The bride wanted yellow flowers on the (altar, alter) on her wedding day.
- **4.** My hockey gear is finally (all together, altogether), and we can go now.
- **5.** In ancient times, a person would (*break*, *brake*) bread with others to show trust and friendship.
- **6.** After crashing into Frank on my skateboard, I asked, "Are you (all right, alright)?"
- **7.** My (*advice*, *advise*) is that you wear protective gloves when using bleach.
- **8.** To separate an egg, you (*break*, *brake*) the egg in the center and spill the white into a cup.
- **9.** Did Coach Crowe (*advice*, *advise*) the players to drink water during the game?
- **10.** The (affects, effects) of the fire were catastrophic.

EXERCISE B Most of the following sentences contain an error in word usage. Cross out each error, and write the correct word above it. If a sentence is already correct, write C after it.

Example 1. If we altar the sleeves, this shirt will fit you.

- **11.** A tuxedo jacket with tails creates a very formal affect.
- **12.** On the wall of the tuxedo store hung a portrait of a bride and groom standing before an alter.
- **13.** I like all of these tuxedos accept the pale blue one.
- **14.** The type of cummerbund you choose effects the overall look of the tuxedo.
- **15.** Will my black dress shoes look all right with a gray tuxedo?
- **16.** The store clerk advised me to rent shoes in the same color as the tuxedo.
- **17.** Thea and I will accept your and Keisha's offer to share a ride to the dance.
- **18.** Thea has all ready gotten her Dad's permission.
- **19.** It will be nice to arrive altogether instead of one by one.
- **20.** Thea and Keisha will be altogether impressed when they see us in our tuxedos.

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