

Words in the Wild

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When naturalists want to distinguish between two closely related species, they study both in the wild. You can do the same to understand correct usage for commonly confused words. For example, just how are the words *capital* and *capitol* being used on the Internet?

"While money is used simply to purchase goods and services for consumption, **capital** is more durable and is used to generate wealth through investment." — Investopedia.Com

"The United States **Capitol** is among the most symbolically important and architecturally impressive buildings in the nation." —NPS.Gov

Search the Internet for each word in the pairs below. Write down a sentence that you find that correctly uses each word, and indicate the Web site where you found the sentence.

1. Adverse

Averse

2. Allusion

Illusion

3. Ascent

Assent

4. Amoral

Immoral

5. Climactic

Climatic

6. Discreet

Discrete

7. Eminent

Imminent

8. Immigrate

Emigrate

9. Liable

Libel

10. Precede

Proceed

