**Usage Mnemonics**

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One of the best ways to avoid using the wrong word is to think of a memory aid (mnemonic device) for recognizing the difference.

* ***Accept*** means "receive" or "approve," and it has two *c*'s like open arms reaching for a hug.
* ***Except*** means "not" or "exclude," and there is an *x* in front of the open arms of the *c*, showing that the hug is denied.

For each pair of commonly confused words, write a definition followed by a mnemonic that will help you remember which word is which:

1. Bring

Take

1. Can

May

1. Coarse

Course

1. Desert

Dessert

1. Past

Passed

1. Set

Sit