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Advise and Advice

Word	Advise	Advice
Definition	a verb that means to offer suggestions or recommendations about the best course of action	a noun that means a suggestion of the guidance offered with regard to future actions

Advise means to inform (someone) about a fact or situation in a formal or official way.

- Example: Our reservations staff will **advise** on when this option is available.
- Example: I'd **advise** you to schedule a tutoring appointment.
- Example: To **advise** someone is similar to assisting them.

Advice is the suggestion or recommendation itself that is offered in the form of advisement.

- Example: I really need to get some basic financial **advice**.
- Example: My **advice** to you is to invest your money early.
- Example: When a therapist advises someone, they are offering **advice**.

- **Hint:** If you replace the word in question with “assistance” and your sentence still makes sense, “advice” is probably the correct choice.

Allude and Elude

Word	Allude	Elude
Definition	to reference something indirectly	“to evade” or “to escape” perception or understanding

Allude is a verb that means to make an indirect reference to.

- Example: She kept **alluding** to him but would never say his name.
- Example: We can only **allude** to some of these points.

Elude is a verb that means to escape or to evade.

- Example: They **eluded** the zombies through their wit and survival training.
- Example: The cause of the disease continues to **elude** researchers.

- **Hint:** Elude starts with an E and so does Escape. To elude is to escape.
- **Hint:** Allude starts with an A and so does Absent. Since to allude is to make an indirect reference, a direct reference is absent.

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