

## Misused Words: Coarse and Course

By Carol D'Annunzio (carolda.com)

**Coarse** and **course** are confusing words. It is not so much with **coarse** which only has one definition; however, **course** has many definitions. Let's see if I can break it down for you:

**Coarse** is an *adjective* meaning rough, unrefined, or crude.

For Example: The material has a **coarse** texture.

For Example: Some people use **coarse** language when they are angry.

**Course** can be used as a *noun* or a *verb*. It has several meanings which is one of the reasons it gets mixed up with **coarse**. Some of the more common definitions include definitely, to move or run, a place, for a meal, or a class (such as school).

For Example: Of **course**, I will review the book for you. (Definitely)

For Example: The love of music **courses** through my veins! (Move or run)

For Example: We will play 18 holes at the golf **course** tomorrow. (A place)

For Example: The French are famous for their seven **course** meals. (For a meal)

For Example: Janet is taking a poetry **course** in the spring. (A class).

There are other definitions for **course** but you get the idea. **HINT:** Basically, when in doubt, if it isn't an adjective, use **course**. :)

Or another way to remember it is this: If it is rough and tough, use **coarse**, for everything else, use **course**!

## About Carol



Carol D'Annunzio is the creator and founder of **Carolda.com** and a devoted consumer of books! On Carolda.com she writes about all things book related, including book reviews, interviews, writing tips, and the ups and downs of her journey as a writer/blogger.

### *Let's Connect!*

I'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [carol@carolda.com](mailto:carol@carolda.com).

### *Where to find me on social media:*

Don't forget to friend / follow me on the following social media sites. I will do my best to follow you back as soon as possible!

[Youtube](#)   [Pinterest](#)   [Twitter](#)   [LinkedIn](#)