

## Misused Words: Rise, Raised, and Raze

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It can be easy to get confused with **rise** and **raise** because their definitions are similar. So, here is a tip:

**Rise** is a *verb* that means to ascend (usually to a higher position). The verb tenses are *rise, rose, risen*.

For Example: The author **rose** and recited her most recently written poem.

For Example: I often **rise** early during the summer months.

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**Raise** is a *verb* that means to lift. However, to **raise** isn't just about physical lifting. The verb tenses are *raise, raised, raised*.

For Example: My in-laws had to **raise** their house after Super storm Sandy.

For Example: It is not easy to **raise** children in today's troubled times.

For Example: Her essay on the writings of James Joyce **raised** more questions than it answered.

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**Raze** is a *verb* that means to destroy. It also means to scrape. (Alternatively, it is spelled rased.) It is not as common as it used to be but you will see this word now and again.

For Example: The farmer has to **raze** the old barn.

For Example: The workers must **raze** the ice from highway before it gets too dangerous.

For Example: It is a horrible fact that many trees are **razed** to the ground because of forest fires.

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