

# Frequently Confused Words

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## Quick Review

Some words sound alike but mean different things. 'To' = toward/used with a verb; 'too' = also/very; 'two' = the number 2. 'Their' = belongs to them; 'there' = a place; 'they're' = they are. 'Your' vs 'you're'; 'its' vs 'it's'; 'then' vs 'than'.

## PRACTICE

Choose the pair (or word) that correctly fills the blanks.

- I am \_\_\_\_ tired \_\_\_\_ walk home from practice.
  - too / to
  - to / too
  - two / to
  - too / two
- Maya ate \_\_\_\_ cookies after lunch and now she wants \_\_\_\_ more.
  - too / two
  - two / too
  - to / two
  - two / to
- We walked \_\_\_\_ the park \_\_\_\_ play on the swings.
  - to / too
  - too / to
  - to / to
  - two / to
- \_\_\_\_ going to the soccer game right after dinner this evening.
  - Their
  - There
  - There's
  - They're



5. The students hung \_\_\_\_ coats on the hooks by the door.
- A. their
  - B. there
  - C. they're
  - D. there's
6. Please put the books over \_\_\_\_ on the bottom shelf.
- A. their
  - B. there
  - C. they're
  - D. there's
7. \_\_\_\_ the best speller in our whole class this year!
- A. Yours
  - B. Your
  - C. You're
  - D. Your's
8. Don't forget \_\_\_\_ jacket on the school bus this afternoon.
- A. you're
  - B. yours
  - C. your's
  - D. your
9. The puppy chased \_\_\_\_ tail in circles for ten whole minutes.
- A. its
  - B. it's
  - C. its'
  - D. it is
10. If you finish your homework, \_\_\_\_ you may play outside. Also, a turtle is slower \_\_\_\_ a rabbit. Which pair fits the blanks?
- A. than ... then
  - B. then ... than
  - C. then ... then
  - D. than ... than



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8  A  B  C  D
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

<b>1. A</b>	'Too' = very/excessively (too tired); 'to' is part of the infinitive (to walk). B reverses them. C uses the number 'two' in slot 1. D wrongly puts the number 'two' where the infinitive marker belongs.
<b>2. B</b>	'Two' = the number 2 (two cookies); 'too' = also (also more). A swaps them. C puts 'to' where the number belongs. D puts the direction word 'to' where 'also' belongs.
<b>3. C</b>	Slot 1: 'to' = direction (to the park). Slot 2: 'to' = infinitive marker (to play). A puts 'too' = also where the infinitive belongs. B reverses both. D uses the number 'two' for direction.
<b>4. D</b>	'They're' = 'they are' — fits 'they are going'. 'Their' = possessive (needs a noun: 'their game'). 'There' = a place. 'There's' = 'there is' — doesn't agree with a plural going.
<b>5. A</b>	'Their' = belonging to them (their coats). 'There' = a place. 'They're' = they are. 'There's' = there is. Only 'their' shows possession of the coats.
<b>6. B</b>	'There' = a place ('over there'). 'Their' would need a noun afterward; 'they're' = they are; 'there's' = there is — none fit the meaning 'in that place'.
<b>7. C</b>	'You're' = 'you are' — fits 'you are the best speller'. 'Yours' is a possessive pronoun ('the book is yours') and can't start this sentence. 'Your' needs a noun after it. 'Your's' is not a real word in English.
<b>8. D</b>	'Your' = possessive before a noun (your jacket). 'You're' = you are (makes no sense before 'jacket'). 'Yours' is a standalone possessive and shouldn't come before a noun. 'Your's' is not a real word.
<b>9. A</b>	'Its' = possessive (its tail). 'It's' = it is (the puppy chased 'it is tail' — doesn't work). 'Its' is not a real word. 'It is' is the expanded form of 'it's' and produces the same broken meaning.
<b>10. B</b>	'Then' = next in time (first homework, THEN play); 'than' = used to compare two things (slower THAN a rabbit). A swaps them; C uses 'then' for the comparison (a real error); D uses 'than' for the time word (also a real error).



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