

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

1. A	'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.
2. 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.
3. C	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.
4. D	'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.
5. A	'Their' = belonging to them (their coats). 'There' = a place. 'They're' = they are. 'There's' = there is. Only 'their' shows possession of the coats.
6. 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'.
7. C	'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.
8. D	'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.
9. A	'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.
10. 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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