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Commonly Confused Words #1

When two words have similar sounds or spellings, it can be easy to mix them up! Write the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Louise remembered to pack everything for the ski trip _____ for her sunscreen.
Do you know if the gift shop will _____ credit cards?

accept

except

2. Whatever you do, don't _____ your ticket, because it's your only way to get back into the park.
Danny tried on his dad's old leather jacket, but it was a bit _____ on him.

lose

loose

3. Kalil loves to act and sing, so he hopes to get _____ in the school musical this spring.
Selena and her twin sister Luna have never been _____ for more than a weekend.

apart

a part

4. Getting enough fresh air and exercise can have a positive _____ on your mood and your health.
We can't always predict how our decisions will _____ others around us.

affect

effect

5. Buenos Aires, Argentina, is one of the most beautiful _____ cities in the world.
State legislators meet in their state's _____ building to discuss and create laws.

capital

capitol

6. Every year on their anniversary, my grandparents visit the _____ where they first met.
Arya wistfully watched the car drive away until it was out of _____.

site

sight

7. Aunt Cindy thought that the blue curtains would perfectly _____ the dark hardwood floors.
My favorite writing teacher, Mr. Ortega, always finds something to _____ in his students' work.

compliment

complement

8. We gazed up in wonder as the tiny glimmer of the International Space Station _____ over us.
Many of our modern sports look quite different from the versions played in the _____.

passed

past

9. Audience members must take their seats before the show can _____ as scheduled.
Many people believe that peculiar animal behaviors can _____ an earthquake.

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proceed

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Commonly Confused Words #2

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1. My brother gave me a set of colorful _____ so I could write to him while he's away at college.
In the garden, Marie stayed completely _____ as the butterfly landed on her shoulder.

stationary

stationery

2. Quentin's cousin was older _____ him by just a few months.
After breakfast, can you please feed the puppy and _____ let her out to play?

than

then

3. Do you know where I can buy more _____ for my mechanical pencil?
The captain of the Greendale High volleyball team boldly _____ her team to victory.

lead

led

4. When Jazmin was on the swim team, she could hold her _____ underwater for a minute and a half!
I love to _____ in the warm, comforting aroma of my uncle's homemade sourdough bread.

breath

breathe

5. Xavier invited his neighbor, Mrs. Chen, over for dinner, but she had _____ eaten that evening.
The food was prepared, the decorations were up, and the Sharmas were _____ for the celebration.

already

all ready

6. Gather the dry ingredients for the cake and mix them _____ in a mixing bowl.
Thankfully, the rain slowed as the party started and had stopped _____ by the end of the night.

altogether

all together

7. Some devices can even read your text messages _____ to you.
The announcer kindly reminded guests that neither food nor drinks were _____ in the auditorium.

aloud

allowed

8. Do you know _____ going to be the opening act at the concert on Friday?
Rafael wasn't sure _____ jacket it was, so he took it to the lost and found.

whose

who's

9. In the summertime, Penelope loves to _____ in her hammock and stare at the trees overhead.
Cameron was honored to _____ a wreath at the veteran's monument downtown.

lie

lay



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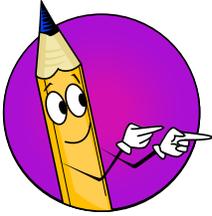
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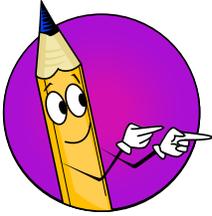
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