

## Commonly Confused Words

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the group preceding each sentence.

1. (to, too, two) It's \_\_\_\_\_ late \_\_\_\_\_ go now; we should have left \_\_\_\_\_ hours ago.
2. (there, their, they're) That's \_\_\_\_\_ house over \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ entering.
3. (there's, theirs) The job is not \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ an opening in the department.
4. (your, you're) It's not \_\_\_\_\_ business to question; \_\_\_\_\_ to do as \_\_\_\_\_ told.
5. (who's, whose) \_\_\_\_\_ not afraid to tell her? \_\_\_\_\_ job will that be?
6. (it's, its) \_\_\_\_\_ the state that collects taxes, for this is \_\_\_\_\_ business.
7. (affect, effect) That won't \_\_\_\_\_ me, but I wonder what \_\_\_\_\_ it will have on others.
8. (accept, except) \_\_\_\_\_ for John, the students seem to \_\_\_\_\_ my explanations.
9. (no, know) It's \_\_\_\_\_ different than before. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ for certain?
10. (where, were) \_\_\_\_\_ did you go last night? We \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for you?
11. (new, knew) I \_\_\_\_\_ you'd say that. Can't you ever say anything \_\_\_\_\_?
12. (lose, loose) I am afraid I'll \_\_\_\_\_ my ring; it's too \_\_\_\_\_ on me.
13. (raise, rise) While we wait for the bread to \_\_\_\_\_, will you please \_\_\_\_\_ the window?
14. (passed, past) That's a name out of the \_\_\_\_\_. He hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ this way in years.
15. (used, use) I \_\_\_\_\_ to rely on a dictionary. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ a spell checker.
16. (quiet, quite) On the trip, the children refused to be \_\_\_\_\_; their parents were \_\_\_\_\_ aggravated.
17. (sit, set) Please \_\_\_\_\_ the chair by the window and \_\_\_\_\_ down.
18. (suppose, supposed) I \_\_\_\_\_ that we are \_\_\_\_\_ to keep our voices down.
19. (then, than) If you like mysteries more \_\_\_\_\_ anything else, \_\_\_\_\_ you will like this book.
20. (threw, through) Unfortunately, he \_\_\_\_\_ the baseball \_\_\_\_\_ the window.
21. (weather, whether) I wish I knew \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was going to be nice.
22. (lie, lay) After I \_\_\_\_\_ the clean towels on the bed, the cat wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ on them.

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*The following paragraph contains twenty errors in sound-alikes/ look-alikes. Underline the errors and write the correct words above the lines.*

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You're mind holds a richer store of ideas then your likely to give it credit for. A good way to tap into these ideas is though the technique called brainstorming -- saying or writing down everything that occurs to you about a subject. Try it the next time your suppose too write on a particular topic. You may find yourself loosing you're fears about writing when you quite criticizing yourself and let the ideas flow. Buy the time your done, you'll have plenty of material; of course, you don't have to except all of it for your final draft. At this point, after you're thoughts are safely down on paper, editing enters the picture. As you review your writing, you'll see how one idea leads to another, what is most interesting, and what needs further development. You'll find that brainstorming has a positive affect on you're self-esteem, too. Weather its used to write a assignment or to solve a personal problem, chances are you'll discover you're more creative then you ever thought possible.