

vocab lesson 4—Commonly Confused Words, Part One

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once.

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| _____ 1. accept | A. _____ —used to indicate possession (It's _____ decision, not mine.) |
| _____ 2. except | B. _____ —at that time; soon after that (<i>At that time</i> , they went to dinner.) |
| _____ 3. than | C. _____ —to receive willingly; to admit or approve (He <i>received</i> her gift.) |
| _____ 4. then | D. _____ —with the exclusion of (...everything <i>but</i> the kitchen sink) |
| _____ 5. their | E. _____ —to indicate direction; toward (Move <i>toward</i> the edge of the pool.)
or first part of an infinitive phrase, to + VERB (It is hard <i>to</i> write well.) |
| _____ 6. there | F. _____ —a number (One, _____, buckle my shoe.) |
| _____ 7. they're | G. _____ —contraction of pronoun and verb (<i>They are</i> coming to dinner tonight.) |
| _____ 8. to | H. _____ —to an excessive degree (This house is _____ large for the three of us.) |
| _____ 9. too | J. _____ —in or at that place (He lives over _____, in that house.) |
| _____ 10. two | K. _____ —used to indicate a comparison (This house is larger _____ our other one.) |

II. Fill in the blank. Choose from the following list of vocab words to complete the sentences.

21. There is _____ (**two, to, too**) much 22) _____ (**two, to, too**) do for
just the 23) _____ (**two, to, too**) of you. You'll never finish it all.
24. I wanted to _____ (**accept, except**) the invitation to the party.
25. Everyone _____ (**accept, except**) Jason will be there.
26. _____ (**their, there, they're**) not allowed to go in 27) _____ (**their, there, they're**) without 28) _____ (**their, there, they're**) books and pens.
29. Back _____ (**then, than**) there were more laborers 30) _____ (**then, than**) managers.
31. I love _____ (**two, to, too**) go fishing with my grandpa.
32. We almost always go to Braum's after, _____ (**accept, except**) when he's making fresh ice cream at home.
33. I like Braum's. My favorite is _____ (**their, there, they're**) chocolate toffee ice cream, but they don't have it very often.
34. I like their chocolate toffee even better _____ (**then, than**) Blue Bell's homemade vanilla.
35. I have just had to _____ (**accept, except**) the fact that Braum's chocolate toffee is not available all year long.
36. If they have it in the freezer case, _____ (**then, than**) I will buy it.
37. I might even buy _____ (**two, to, too**) half gallons if that wouldn't be
38) _____ (**two, to, too**) much.

39. On the Braum's website, I just discovered that _____ (**their, there, they're**) is a system to 40) _____ (**their, there, they're**) flavor rotation.

III.Short questions. Choose one vocab word to answer each question. Each word is used once.

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- 41. _____ How many ears should Van Gogh have had?
- 42. _____ Which word means *everything but*?
- 43. _____ What is the opposite of *from*?
- 44. _____ Which vocab word is really two words?
- 45. _____ Which four-letter vocab word is about comparison?
- 46. _____ Which four-letter vocab word is about time?
- 47. _____ Which vocab word is about possession?
- 48. _____ Which vocab word refers to excess?
- 49. _____ Which vocab word is about place?
- 50. _____ Which vocab word is the opposite of *decline* or *refuse*?

IV. REACH. Fill in the blanks in this story. Choose from the word bank. This time, it's a little harder without specific choices listed at each blank. Change the form of the word to make it fit if necessary. Each word is used just one time.

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As I was traveling 51. _____ my 2nd hour class, I saw a pair of twins walking toward me. They looked like 52. _____ peas in a pod because they looked so much alike and they were talking and laughing in exactly the same way. They looked at me funny as they went by, and I realized I was staring at them 53. _____ much, so I looked away. That would have been fine 54. _____ that when I got to my 3rd hour class, 55. _____ they were! I turned to my friend and said, "56. _____ both in this class?" pointing discreetly in the direction of the twins.

My friend nodded and said, "Yes, and the teacher is 57. _____ mom!"

"Weird," I said.

58. _____ something even more strange happened. I know: it's pretty hard to find something stranger 59. _____ two twins in one class with their mother as the teacher, but it happened. Another set of twins walked in, leaning toward each other as they walked and laughing and talking. They looked at the teacher and together, said, "Hi, Aunt Sally!"

It was all too much to 60. _____ , and I still haven't gotten over it.