

Do not write in packet!

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Word Choice – Exercise 11: To, Too, and Two

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—*to*, *too*, or *two*.

1. After the marathon, Yolanda soaked her _____ sore feet in a bucket of warm water.
2. Jessica agreed to jalapeno slices on her burrito. She regretted this decision _____ hours later as she chewed antacid tablets to relieve her heartburn.
3. If you really want the answers to Dr. Hirta's calculus homework, bring a jelly donut _____ Kristine, the smartest student in the class.
4. The party next door—with its laughter, shouting, and music—was _____ loud, so Lisa banged on her neighbors' door to complain.
5. As we were walking _____ the library, we met Benjamin and Maria, who tempted us away from research with the promise of a hot cheese and pepperoni pizza.
6. The slice of pizza was still _____ hot to eat, but Benjamin couldn't resist, blistering his mouth with the first painful bite.
7. Tony should buy an aquarium full of goldfish. A puppy would be _____ rambunctious for his small apartment.
8. Svetlana has _____ book bags—one that she wears on her shoulders and one that she pulls on rollers—to accommodate all of the big, heavy textbooks for her science courses.
9. If you purchase _____ parakeets, they will sing to each other instead of interacting with you.
10. Whenever our parakeet chirps _____ loudly, we throw a towel over his cage.
11. Instead of researching killer whales for Marine Biology, Jorge went _____ the beach.
12. Martin dreaded going _____ the movies with his young cousins because they started popcorn fights whenever the action onscreen got too slow.
13. Diane was _____ short to reach the oatmeal, so the friendly stock clerk grabbed a box for her.
14. Gordon didn't want _____ miss Spanish class if his teacher Señora Álvarez was rewarding right answers with lollipops.
15. We watched Sam lick the _____ fingers that he ran through the icing of Betty Lou's birthday cake.
16. When Randall heard that Betty Lou got a pet tarantula, he wanted one _____.

17. Randall picked up the tarantula, hoping _____ impress Betty Lou, who had a 10-foot albino python draped over her shoulders.
18. When Betty Lou accused Randall of being a coward, he _____ allowed the tarantula to crawl on his head.
19. Boom! Boom! We heard _____ big oak trees crash onto the street during the violent hurricane.
20. Tatiana took several deep breaths _____ savor the smoky barbecue aroma wafting from her father's gas grill.

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Word Choice – Exercise 14: *Its* and *It's*

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choices—*its* or *it's*.

1. The puppy was unsure if shredding a roll of toilet paper was worthy of praise or a squirt from the water bottle, so it wagged _____ tail with hesitation.
2. "_____ been quite a challenge," Eric admitted as he shook hands with Dr. O'Sullivan on the last day of class.
3. The cup of hot tea sat on _____ saucer, tendrils of steam rising into the air.
4. When Yolanda opened the garden shed door, _____ rusty hinges screamed for oil.
5. _____ kind of you to compliment the landscaping, but Grandpa really needs to sell that rusty old car sitting on cinderblocks.
6. Clarissa sprinkled hot pepper flakes on the arm rests. _____ important that the puppy learns not to chew on the sofa.
7. Every time Sophie's thumb hit the space bar, she winced. _____ a real disadvantage to slice open a finger while chopping celery if a major research essay is due the next day!
8. The blow dryer whined beside Carla's ear, _____ hot breath burning her scalp.
9. "Get out of the house!" Mom ordered. "_____ too beautiful outside to sit here playing video games!"
10. _____ a shame that Theo won't try the squid eyeball stew since Marilyn has made a really excellent batch this time.
11. The abandoned textbook lay on the coffee shop table, _____ pages ruffled by the breeze.
12. Tell Charlie that he has 15 minutes to finish. _____ imperative that he turn in his essay on time since Professor Parker refuses to accept late work.
13. Tony marked his answer sheet with a sharp pencil, _____ point nearly piercing the thick paper.
14. The cat crouched underneath the oak tree; _____ tail twitched as the feline watched the squirrel in the branches above.

15. Sylvia sprayed furniture polish on the ancient table. _____ surface gleamed until the cleaner evaporated, leaving the same old, scarred wood.
16. Sandra sat in the saddle, yelling "Giddyup!" The horse, however, lowered _____ head to graze, ignoring her command.
17. "_____ already two weeks overdue!" exclaimed Professor Zuromski as Byron begged for another extension on his research essay.
18. "_____ been forever since you baked chocolate-broccoli muffins," squealed Sienna as she took her first bite.
19. The stray dog wagged _____ tail, hoping that Nate would share his ham and cheese sandwich.
20. Beethoven played on the old stereo with _____ one bad speaker popping and crackling like bacon frying in a pan.

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Word Choice – Exercise 1: *Their, There, and They're*

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—*their, there, or they're*.

1. Unable to tolerate the dust one moment longer, Elizabeth spent the afternoon cleaning the living room tables and shelves. Now _____ slippery with furniture polish, glowing in the sunlight that spills through the open window.
2. "Oh, no! _____ are lima beans on my plate!" screamed Noel before he fainted with a thud on the dining room floor.
3. Nothing makes Diane's cat Big Toe Joe happier than a laundry basket full of fresh warm towels. _____ he will sleep, purring in contentment and shedding long white hair on the clean terry cloth.
4. Mrs. O'Shea spent the day steam cleaning the living room floor. Now her children can hardly find the kitchen without _____ trail of dirty footprints leading the way.
5. Dolly hates dogs more than snakes or cockroaches. She believes that canines are loathsome creatures because _____ only goal in life is to kill her front lawn with urine.
6. Behind the sofa _____ is a collection of desiccated broccoli spears that Simon, the family cocker spaniel, carries away for Noel, who cannot stomach the vegetable.
7. The knives in Roseanne's kitchen are encrusted with bits of brownie and smears of dried mustard. _____ is no way a doctor would ever consider operating with any instrument that Roseanne had washed!
8. Bentley, our neighbor's basset hound, has toenails that are so long that _____ curled like macaroni noodles at the ends of his paws.
9. Noel carefully sliced each Brussels sprout in half, carefully scrutinizing the heart of the little cabbage. He always worries that _____ might be a worm buried in the middle.
10. Casey and Tamara had plenty of privacy for kissing because _____ were six sheets drying on the clothesline in the backyard.
11. Warren hates cleaning the bathroom because his brothers always leave globs of toothpaste in the sink, and _____ dirty underwear hangs from the doorknobs or lies in damp piles on the tile floor.
12. Raymond's parakeets love to sit on his head; _____ droppings litter his shoulders like flakes of dandruff.
13. After a few ineffective swipes across the kitchen floor, Kristy returned the mop to the closet. _____ it would remain for another six months.

14. In a frenzy of packing, the Gonzalez family even boxed their poodle, Chiquita. _____ moving into a new home tomorrow, and everything must be ready to go.
15. Willard loves going food shopping late at night. The aisles are free of people, so _____ is no one to see him sneaking grapes in the produce section or filching cookies from the bakery.
16. Russell and his friend Ted dived into _____ car and sped out of the parking lot. Dripping milkshake, Billy soon followed, shaking his fist and swearing revenge at the fleeing car.
17. Lolita heaped her brother's plate with barbecue chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. _____ was so much food that Henry needed two hands to carry the plate to the table.
18. Eboni and Andrea can spend an entire paycheck during one trip to the mall. They eat at the food court, shop for clothes and makeup, and buy popcorn and movie tickets with _____ last few dollars.
19. Maria gasped in horror when she looked at her new leather furniture. _____ were scratches and punctures all over the armrests from the sharp claws of her cat Brandy.
20. After the long walk in the August heat, Norman's two dogs collapsed on the cool tiles of the kitchen floor, tongues rolling from _____ mouths in exhausted panting.

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Word Choice – Exercise 3: *Lose* and *Loose*

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—*lose* or *loose*.

1. Pizza for lunch was such a treat that Clifford refused to _____ his place in the cafeteria line—even though all of his money was in the car.
2. Clarissa ducked into a doorway, for the strong wind was blowing her long, _____ hair onto her double scoops of rocky road ice cream.
3. Flying _____ in the house, Jacques visited every mirror where he chirped to the handsome green parakeet who met him on the other side of the glass.
4. Gabrielle doesn't want to _____ her locker key, so she wears it on her charm bracelet, where it jingles with a diamond-eyed poodle, a gold skate, and an emerald-studded four-leaf clover.
5. If you _____ a sock in a washing machine, Mrs. Chen, the Laundromat owner, will make a puppet with it to amuse the children who visit.
6. Everyone snickered as Bruce walked by, for _____ dog hair clung to the back of his black pants.
7. Michael purchased a two-liter bottle of soda and a one-pound bag of chocolate-covered peanuts so that he would not _____ momentum finishing his critical analysis of Melville's *Moby-Dick*.
8. A _____ board on the back staircase squeals like a dying mouse whenever someone climbs to the second floor.
9. If you have a fascination with ancient Egypt, don't take a class with Dr. McConnell, whose boring lectures make anyone quickly _____ interest.
10. Franklin fought to keep his eyes open, but the _____ structure of the plot and poor characterization of the main characters made him fall asleep in the middle of the play.
11. Peggy smelled the faint odor of last summer's barbecue as she lifted the _____ cover draping the gas grill.
12. Aida hates to _____ her place in a book, so she not only turns down the corner of a page but also adds "Start here" in pen, even to library books!
13. As Jane leaned over the potato salad, her _____ hair fell over her shoulders and dragged through the mayonnaise.
14. So that Mrs. Hoff doesn't _____ a single minute of class time, she watches the second hand sweep across the twelve, indicating the hour has started, and then launches into her lecture.

15. _____ the dogs from their leashes, Rachel watched as her whippets streaked in circles in the dog park field.
16. Pulling a cantaloupe from the bottom of the pyramidal display will cause the rest of the melons to crash to the floor, rolling _____ without organization imposed by the produce managers.
17. Because Gisela always borrows pens and then quickly _____ them, her friends no longer volunteer their extras.
18. Grandma believes that clothing color indicates a person's character. Wearing pinks, reds, or oranges—whether male or female, whether shirts, socks, or ties—indicates _____ morals in Grandma's book.
19. Jessie found enough _____ change in her book bag to buy either a root beer or a bag of chips; she contemplated the difficult decision between sweet or salty.
20. Reggie will not _____ the 100-meter race because Bianca, the girl of his dreams, is watching from the bleachers.

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Word Choice – Exercise 9: *Whose* and *Who's*

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—*whose* or *who's*.

1. If you want to identify that ugly bug in your hair, ask Claudia, _____ collection of beetles covers every inch of her bedroom walls.
2. The biggest entertainment at the picnic was Louis, _____ ability to eat an entire hotdog in one mouthful amazed everyone who watched him demonstrate this feat fifteen times.
3. In the computer lab sits Veronica, _____ furiously typing as she attempts to meet Dr. William's nonnegotiable deadline for the research paper.
4. _____ going to bait Jerry's hook and gut his fish if you invite your squeamish brother to come fishing with us?
5. Before you buy a pit bull or Rottweiler puppy, talk to Thomas, _____ attack hamster will bite the fingers of any hand that enters its cage.
6. As Mom stood in front of the frozen vegetables, she thought of Lorraine, _____ loathing of lima beans would mean a dinner's worth of complaints if Mom chose them for dinner.
7. Pirouetting by the cash register is Celina, _____ as comfortable dancing in line at the cafeteria as she is the in ballet studio.
8. We all turned to stare at Brenda, _____ wacky hairstyle included feathers, ribbons, and macaroni braided into her hair.
9. Clive sat behind Julie, _____ long, curly, red hair dripped down her white shoulders like strawberry syrup over vanilla ice cream.
10. Tanya, _____ praying no one requests the last slice of cheese pizza, waited in the long cafeteria line.
11. Professor Byrnes sighed with impatience after he called on Kevin, _____ lack of preparation always holds up the rest of the enthusiastic class.
12. Jackie bought a half dozen tennis balls for her golden retriever Oliver, _____ bad habit of chewing off the fuzzy skins is expensive.
13. Francisco steeled himself for a 50-minute class with his theatrical math teacher, _____ jerky hand movements cause students in the front row to cringe like beaten dogs.
14. Jerrod, _____ ashamed that he ate the last doughnut, is discreetly wiping strawberry jelly from the corner of his mouth.
15. Latoya chuckled as she watched her little brother Reggie, _____ little finger waved in the air as he attempted sophistication while drinking hot tea.

16. Our dog Cooper, _____ waiting politely under the table, expects a meatball from **everyone** before dinner is over.
17. _____ fungus-covered chicken salad sandwich is polluting the refrigerator in the lounge?
18. Mrs. Currall returned the A+ essay to Andre, _____ smile flashed despite his usual surly attitude in class.
19. Even though the lecture had begun, we knew we could soon expect Sasha, _____ always hitting the snooze button on the alarm instead of getting out of bed to be on time.
20. _____ going to drive Raymond to the park? He spilled a chocolate milkshake on my leather upholstery last week, so he cannot ride with me.