

Week 22
SPELLING**Near Homophones: Almost Alike**

Homophones are two words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Some words sound almost alike, but have different spellings and meanings. These are called near homophones. The key to telling them apart is to practicing pronouncing them, either aloud or in your mind. It may also help to accentuate the differences between them.

Word Bank

accept	quite
choose	weather
chose	were
except	where
quiet	whether

Part I

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the word bank. Use the context of the sentence to determine which word should be used.

1. The _____ on the island suddenly turned stormy, and the sea began to boil.
2. _____ for Robert, all of the family will be at the party.
3. The gift was _____ a bit more than she anticipated.
4. The students _____ sitting together at lunch.
5. We'll soon find out _____ or not Lee was elected class president.
6. I don't know _____ I left my keys.
7. The big empty house was dark and eerily _____.
8. We'll have to _____ teams in order to play baseball.

Part II

Write a paragraph using at least four words from the word bank.

Part III

Use the meaning to determine the correct word in each set of near homophones and write it in the blank.

Example: Grizzly or polar animal

bear bare

bear

1. Expresses doubt; often used with “or not”

weather whether

2. Completely; totally

quiet quite

3. Believe; allow; agree to receive

accept except

4. State or condition of the atmosphere, as in
heat or cold

weather whether

5. Select or pick, present tense

choose chose

6. Past tense of *are*; plural of *was*

were where

7. With little sound or excitement

quiet quite

8. Select or pick, past tense

choose chose

9. In, at, or to which; a place

were where

10. Other than; not including

accept except

Part IV

Read the paragraph below. Circle the misspelled words and write the correct spelling in the blanks provided.

As the weather turned nasty, they had to chose whether to leave the quiet valley or except the cold and stay. They choose to stay, but both of them were worried about keeping warm. They couldn't decide w ere the warmest spot in the cabin was; in front of the fireplace or next to the stove. During the worst of the winter, it became quit cold, but accept for one bad night, they had little trouble until spring.

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4. **quite**

5. **except**