

6. Commonly Confused Words (two, to and too)

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- **Two refers to a number.**
E.G 'Two people were playing in the park' or 'there are two clouds in the sky'.
- **To is used either with a verb or for direction.**
E.G 'I am going **to** watch football' or 'the swimming pool is next **to** the grocers'.
- **Too means 'a lot' or 'also'.**
E.G 'I ate **too** much' or 'I **too** visited the party'.

An example using all 3 versions: Two children were playing in the park next to the swimming pool. I too wanted to play.

Task 1

Insert the correct version in the following sentences.

1. I went ____ see my grandma.
2. I did ____ hours of gardening yesterday.
3. Sophie had ____ much cake.

Your turn! Now write two sentences of your own using two, too or to.

Task 2

Insert the correct version in the following sentences.

1. Ellie asked, "Are there ____ birds in that tree?"
2. "Would the ____ of you like ____ come ____ my party?" enquired Alex to Max and James.

3. The coach journey took ____ long for Dan's liking.
4. "How far is it ____ Manchester?" Sarah asked.
5. "I need ____ go ____ the toilet," said Tahir.

Your turn! Now write two sentences of your own.

Extension:

Create 3 sentences using all 3 two, to and too in them.

Example: Meg was **too** tired **to** walk home. I was tired, **too**. The **two** of us walked **to** a phone booth, and I called for a cab.

Your turn!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Feedback:

Tick one of the following boxes, depending on how well you think you can meet the learning intention.

	I can do this very well	I can do this well	I understand but need more practice	I don't understand
I can identify the correct version of commonly confused words.				

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- **There** refers to a **place**.
E.G 'There are freckles on Sarah's nose' or 'I went **there** last night'.
- **Their** means **belonging to them**.
E.G 'Their hands were frozen' or 'The children do **their** exams tomorrow'.
- **They're** is short for '**they are**'.
E.G 'They're going to Florida tomorrow' or 'They're going to be late again.'

An example using all 3 versions: Their house is over **there**, next to the field where **they're** playing football with **their** friends...

Task 1

Insert the correct version in the following sentences.

1. I went ____ yesterday.
2. The twins have to catch a bus on ____ journey to school.
3. ____ house is up for sale.

Your turn! Now write two sentences of your own using there, their or they're.

Task 2

Insert the correct version in the following sentences.

1. The teacher yelled, " _____ is too much noise in here!"
2. "It's _____ fault, _____ the ones responsible," cried Amy.
3. Look at Jordan and Nathan, _____ going to get in trouble if they get caught.
4. _____ going to New Zealand to visit _____ relatives.
5. _____ confident of winning the final.

Your turn! Now write two sentences of your own using there, their or they're.

Extension:

Create 3 sentences using all 3 there, their and they're.

Example: They're eating their lunch there

Your turn!

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- **Were** is the past tense of are.
E.G 'We **were** going for a walk' or '**Were** you asleep?'
- **We're** is a shortened version of "we are".
E.G '**We're** going to a restaurant for tea' or 'That is what **we're** going to do '.
- **Where** relates to place and can be used when asking a question about direction.
E.G '**Where** are we going?' or '**Where** are you?'

An example using all 3 versions: There **were** two girls walking through a wood. 'It's dark and **we're** lost,' one said to the other, 'do you know **where** we are?'

Task 1

Insert the correct version in the following sentences.

1. ' ____ is my coat?' asked Tim.
2. ' ____ going out for a while,' said Steve.
3. ' You ____ asleep in my lesson! To the Head's Office!' exclaimed the teacher.

Your turn! Now write two sentences of your own using were, we're or where.

Task 2

Insert the correct version in the following sentences.

1. ' ____ ____ you last night?' asked Olivia.
2. ' ____ playing football outside, shout if you need me,' yelled Bruce to Susan.
3. 'When and ____ is your party?' said Phillip.
4. ' ____ you in the police force? I've always wanted to be a policeman," said Bill to his Granddad.

Your turn! Now write two sentences of your own using were, we're or where.

Extension:

Create 3 sentences using all 3 were, we're and where.

Example: We're right where we were ten minutes ago!

Your turn!

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