

## Review C: Spelling Rules and Words Often Confused

**EXERCISE** Underline the correct word or number in parentheses to complete each of the sentences below.

**Example 1.** Mount Everest's peak is over (29,000, twenty-nine thousand) feet high.

1. Winston Churchill (*led, lead*) the British through World War II.
2. Two (*armies, armys*) met on the battlefield.
3. There will be a (*breif, brief*) intermission after the second act of the play.
4. If I (*break, brake*) last year's record, I will be the fastest swimmer in the county.
5. (*Eleven, 11*) chefs graduated from the Chinese cooking school last week.
6. The artist has skillfully captured the glow of sunlight on (*sheafs, sheaves*) of wheat.
7. Ms. Raign suggested I use fewer (*reallys, really's*) in my writing.
8. Some scientists (*believe, beleive*) that the earth's atmosphere is getting warmer because of pollution.
9. Doug's (*carefullness, carefulness*) with dangerous tools is commendable.
10. There were (5,000, *five thousand*) people at the Italian festival last night.
11. (*Twenty thousand, 20,000*) years ago, there were people living on the American continents.
12. After December 2000, we (*proceeded, proceded*) to the twenty-first century.
13. New York City is the most populous city in the state of New York, but Albany is the (*capitol, capital*).
14. After the marathon, I massaged my aching (*feet, feets*).
15. A horse's (*hieght, height*) is measured in hands rather than in inches and feet.
16. There are more than (600, *six hundred*) islands in the Micronesian chain.
17. Sometimes we have cheese and fruit for (*dessert, desert*).
18. (*Whether, Weather*) the senator is reelected is up to the voters of our state.
19. "I will not (*concede, conceed*) defeat," declared the losing candidate.
20. Why does medicine usually taste (*aweful, awful*)?