

Words Often Confused C

Review the Words Often Confused covered on pages 384–387 of your textbook for information on the correct spelling and usage of the following terms.

<i>desert, desert, dessert</i>	<i>lead, led, lead</i>
<i>formally, formerly</i>	<i>loose, lose</i>
<i>hear, here</i>	<i>passed, past</i>
<i>its, it's</i>	

EXERCISE Underline the word in parentheses that correctly completes the meaning of each sentence below.

Example 1. The caterer served fruit and cheese for (*desert, dessert*).

1. “There’s no changing the (*passed, past*),” the aging general said with a sigh.
2. The smallest horse (*passed, past*) the others in the last few seconds of the Kentucky Derby.
3. At the reception, Rod was (*formally, formerly*) introduced to the mayor.
4. We can study at your house, or you can come over (*hear, here*).
5. Most house paint used to have (*lead, led*) in it, but then scientists discovered that the metal could poison people.
6. Every time I (*lose, loose*) my glasses, I get so annoyed with myself.
7. When it’s nighttime in the (*desert, dessert*), the air temperature can drop forty degrees.
8. The Tungs (*formerly, formally*) lived in Tampa, but now they live in Albuquerque.
9. During times of peace our memories of (*passed, past*) wars sometimes grow dim.
10. Animals that live in the (*dessert, desert*) need protection from intense heat and cold.
11. Climbing out of the lake, the dog shook water from (*its, it's*) thick coat.
12. Mr. Castillo was (*formerly, formally*) a professional basketball player, and now he’s our coach.
13. The stallion (*led, lead*) the mares through the rushing stream.
14. Check to make sure that your seat belt is not too (*lose, loose*).
15. I would never (*desert, dessert*) a friend who needed my help or moral support.
16. Morton couldn’t (*hear, here*) the park ranger’s shouts over the roar of the waterfall.
17. Don’t go near a dog or wild animal if (*its, it's*) foaming at the mouth.
18. In our country’s (*past, passed*) there have been many challenges.
19. One cheerleader, Andrea, will (*lead, led*) all of the cheers during this game.
20. Our family hardly ever eats (*desert, dessert*) after dinner.