

# COMMONLY CONFUSED AND MISUSED WORDS

**Directions:** Choose the right answer for each item below.

1. Even though we warned Jake not to eat a <sup>(A)</sup> hole pie at one sitting, he <sup>(B)</sup> sat at the kitchen table and <sup>(C)</sup> proceeded to consume slice after slice.  
  
A. whole  
B. set  
C. preceded  
D. No change is necessary.
2. Give Jerrod a <sup>(A)</sup> compliment because his shoelaces <sup>(B)</sup> complement the colors in his plaid shirt. His fashion <sup>(C)</sup> since is gradually improving.  
  
A. complement  
B. compliment  
C. sense  
D. No change is necessary.
3. If you go <sup>(A)</sup> by the supermarket, <sup>(B)</sup> buy a package of hotdog buns. <sup>(C)</sup> Than we can grill the sausage for dinner.  
  
A. buy  
B. by  
C. Then  
D. No change is necessary.

4. Heed my <sup>(A)</sup> **advice**, and don't <sup>(B)</sup> **loose** your receipt. The college bookstore will not <sup>(C)</sup> **accept** any excuse if you need to return those books.
- A. advise  
B. lose  
C. except  
D. No change is necessary.
5. The <sup>(A)</sup> **heard** of gazelle leaped <sup>(B)</sup> **through** the air as the animals tried to <sup>(C)</sup> **elude** the cheetah.
- A. herd  
B. threw  
C. allude  
D. No change is necessary.
6. <sup>(A)</sup> **Maybe** Gerald is caught in traffic, or he <sup>(B)</sup> **maybe** flirting with the cute cafeteria cashier. Either way, don't <sup>(C)</sup> **accept** any excuse for his tardiness.
- A. May be  
B. may be  
C. except  
D. No change is necessary.
7. When <sup>(A)</sup> **there** are <sup>(B)</sup> **fewer** students in a class, the professor has <sup>(C)</sup> **less** worries that everyone is getting individual attention.
- A. their  
B. less  
C. fewer  
D. No change is necessary.

8. We <sup>(A)</sup> **were** successful baking 300 cupcakes for the charity event, but today <sup>(B)</sup> **we're** exhausted after spending all night preparing the <sup>(C)</sup> **desserts**.
- A. we're  
B. were  
C. deserts  
D. No change is necessary.
9. Gregory <sup>(A)</sup> **passed** his chemistry final, so now he won't <sup>(B)</sup> **loose** his scholarship. As he walked <sup>(C)</sup> **past** the diner, he rewarded himself with a milkshake.
- A. past  
B. lose  
C. passed  
D. No change is necessary.
10. Mr. Ramos hopes to <sup>(A)</sup> **except** the bid on the house. He has agreed to all the buyer's conditions, <sup>(B)</sup> **except** retiling the master bathroom <sup>(C)</sup> **since** it would be too much work.
- A. accept  
B. accept  
C. sense  
D. No change is necessary.

