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Misused Words

Focus

An important part of writing well is being able to recognize misused words. Some words are easily confused with other similar words.

By listening carefully to how a word is used, you can avoid **misusing verbs, pronouns, and modifiers.**

Practice

Correctly complete each sentence below by writing a word from the box on the line. Use each word only once.

**its
it's**

**sit
set**

**lay
lie**

**rise
raise**

**then
than**

- I like swimming during summer better _____ sledding in winter.
- Mr. Chan is going to _____ down for a nap.
- Will you _____ with me at lunch today?
- Whenever _____ sunny outside, Nora jumps rope.
- Take these papers and _____ them on that desk.
- Ms. Quinn goes out each morning to _____ the flag at our school.
- First we need to get gas, and _____ we can hit the road.
- The children _____ their paintbrushes on the table.
- As the duck swam downstream, _____ ducklings followed.
- Temperatures will begin to _____ as soon as spring arrives.