

Choose the Correct Frequently Confused Word

Certain words often get confused with one another. It's important to pay close attention to these words to make sure you're using them correctly. Consider the words **fewer** and **less**.

There are **fewer** clouds in the sky today than there were yesterday.

Use **fewer** to describe a quantity you can count.

There was **less** rain in September than in October this year.

Use **less** to describe a quantity you can measure but can't count.



Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. After earning the starring role in her school's musical, Teresa believed she was destined to be a famous singer with **(much/many)** great opportunities in her future.
2. Konstantin wished there were **(less/fewer)** swimmers in the pool so he wouldn't have to share a lap lane with anyone.
3. Despite her good intentions and earnest desire to be helpful, Ramona tried her hardest not to **(meddle/medal)** in other people's affairs.
4. While some may find these foods unappealing on their own, blue cheese, pears, and fig spread **(compliment/complement)** each other marvelously.
5. With a splitting headache, Colin could do little more than turn off the lights, **(lie/lay)** down, and take a nap.
6. Upon seeing her smiling teammates for the first time after a months-long recovery, Daria was overjoyed to feel like she was **(a part/apart)** of the team again.
7. Robyn refused to **(except/accept)** that her business wasn't profitable enough to keep its doors open any longer.
8. By the time she had finished the half marathon in the sweltering mid-August heat, Jeannine could hardly **(breathe/breath)**.
9. At the rowing team's end-of-season celebration, Bradford and his teammates proudly reflected on their achievements over the **(past/passed)** several months.
10. Having ignored his teacher's time-management **(advise/advice)**, Osvaldo was now frantically finishing his project at the last minute.
11. Eliza sighed with relief when she learned that the highly-anticipated concert had only been postponed rather than canceled **(altogether/all together)**.