

Commonly Confused Words

Their/They're/There		
Word	Rule or Definition	Example(s)
Their	Possessive, something belonging to someone	It's their decision on where to go since it's their birthday today. The dog was nervous because they didn't know where their owner went.
They're	A contraction of "they are." "They're" can only be used if it could be replaced in a sentence by "they are"	They're going to be angry when the neighbors wake them up with their loud music.
There	Relating to a place or introducing a situation	Please put the book back over there. There won't be any food left if we get there too late.

You're/Your		
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You're	A contraction of "you are." "You're" can only be used if it could be replaced in a sentence with "you are"	You're so funny. I am sorry that you're not feeling well.
Your	Possessive, something belonging to you or someone else	Your grades have really improved this quarter! I think your bookbag is in your room.

It's/Its		
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It's	A contraction of "it is." "It's" can only be used if it could be replaced in a sentence with "it is"	It's a really nice hotel we are staying in No problem, it's not a big deal.
Its	Possessive, something belonging to a non-human thing	The table is missing its two back legs. The door can open on its own.

To/Too/Two		
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To	Can be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a preposition As an infinitive To split a period of time When explaining who is the recipient of something 	I'm going to the gym after practice. My sister really likes to dance. My work shift is usually from 5pm to 10pm. Please pass the salt and pepper to grandma.
Too	Can be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain that something is excessive (more than desired or necessary) In place of "also" or "very" 	This pasta is too spicy. I'd like to go to the movies, too. She has too much makeup on for going to the beach.
Two	The word form of the number 2	We'll have two large coffees and two chocolate cake pops, please.