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Tricky Homophones: Their vs. There, Affect vs. Effect

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1. Your boss just sent back your email covered in red corrections. Help fix this sentence before you hit send again!

"The new policy will definitely _____ employee morale."

Select one.

- **A)** effect
- **B)** affect
- **C)** affective
- **D)** effected

2. Complete the student's science report about climate change.

"Rising temperatures _____ wildlife migration patterns. The _____ on polar bear populations has been devastating. Scientists worry that pollution will continue to _____ ocean ecosystems. However, new conservation policies may _____ positive change in the coming decades."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** affect
- **B)** effect

Blank 2

- **A)** effect
- **B)** affect

Blank 3

- **A)** affect
- **B)** effect

Blank 4

- **A)** effect
- **B)** affect

3. The "affect vs. effect" battle has claimed many victims! Select ALL the sentences where these tricky words are used correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The rainy weather didn't affect her cheerful mood.
- **B)** The new policy will have a negative affect on sales.
- **C)** What effect did the movie have on you?
- **D)** Lack of sleep can affect your concentration.
- **E)** The medicine had an immediate affect on his symptoms.

4. Choose the correct words to help this student finish their essay about school leadership.

"The new _____ announced several policy changes last week. Many students wondered how these decisions would _____ their daily routines. The _____ was immediate: homework decreased, but expectations for classroom participation increased. As a matter of _____, I believe leaders should always explain their reasoning."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** principle
- **B)** principal
- **C)** principals

Blank 2

- **A)** effect
- **B)** affect
- **C)** effecting

Blank 3

- **A)** affect
- **B)** effect
- **C)** effected

Blank 4

- **A)** principal
- **B)** principle
- **C)** principals

5. Detective Grammar needs your help! These apostrophe imposters are causing confusion everywhere. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use "it's/its" and "who's/whose."

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The dog wagged it's tail happily.
- **B)** It's been a long day at work.
- **C)** Whose umbrella is this?
- **D)** Who's turn is it to do the dishes?
- **E)** The company changed its logo last year.
- **F)** Who's coming to the party tonight?

6. Help the confused baker finish her note to customers.

"Dear customers, _____ are fresh croissants available today! Please leave _____ orders at the counter. _____ absolutely delicious, and I promise _____ going to love them!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** There
- **B)** Their
- **C)** They're

Blank 2

- **A)** your
- **B)** you're
- **C)** yore

Blank 3

- **A)** They're
- **B)** Their
- **C)** There

Blank 4

- **A)** you're
- **B)** your
- **C)** yore

7. Choose the correct words to complete this confused tourist's postcard home.

"Dear Mom, I finally made it to Paris! _____ are so many beautiful sights here. The locals are friendly, and _____ always willing to help with directions. I visited the Louvre yesterday and saw _____ famous Mona Lisa. Wish you were here!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** They're
- **B)** There
- **C)** Their

Blank 2

- **A)** their
- **B)** they're
- **C)** there

Blank 3

- **A)** they're
- **B)** their
- **C)** there

8. Oh no! Your friend's text message is full of homophone chaos. Select ALL the sentences that use "their," "there," or "they're" correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** They're planning a surprise party for their mom.
- **B)** The kids left there backpacks at school.
- **C)** There are three cookies left in the jar.
- **D)** Their going to be late if they don't hurry.
- **E)** I saw their car parked over there.

9. You're proofreading your friend's party invitation before it goes out to 200 guests. Choose the correct word to save them from eternal embarrassment!

"_____ going to love the surprise we have planned at _____ house over _____."

Select one.

- **A)** They're / they're / their
- **B)** Their / there / they're
- **C)** They're / their / there
- **D)** There / their / they're

10. Your crush just texted you, but autocorrect has struck! Which version should you send back to prove you're grammar-savvy and date-worthy?

Select one.

- **A)** Your the best! I love you're smile.
- **B)** You're the best! I love you're smile.
- **C)** You're the best! I love your smile.
- **D)** Your the best! I love your smile.