

Confusing words

Some words are very confusing.

- **it's and its**

it's = it is
It's my birthday.

its = belonging to
Its paw is hurt.



- **win and beat**

win = to come first/get a prize
I won the race.

I won the trophy.

beat = to be better than
I beat my opponent.
I beat everyone.



- **of and have**

of = preposition
The bouquet of flowers was beautiful.

have = verb
I have a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



- **practice and practise**

practice = noun
It is good practice to play every day.

practise = verb
I practise the piano every day.



Focus

Discuss and correct the *mistake* in each sentence.

- 1 I could of cried when I heard what happened.
- 2 I won you in that match.
- 3 The house had a leaky roof and it's windows were broken.
- 4 If I practice, I will get better.
- 5 I came first and beat the prize.
- 6 The netball practise went well.
- 7 Its difficult to know what to do.



Practice

- A** Sometimes, the writer has confused *of* and *have*.
Copy and correct the sentences.

- 1 I *of* heard of your accident.
- 2 *Of* course, I *should of* said something.
- 3 If I *had been* at school, I *could of* helped you but I *of* been ill.

- B** Sometimes, the writer has confused *win* and *beat*.
Copy and correct the sentences.

- 1 If I *beat* the race, I *win* the cup.
- 2 I can *win* you any day.
- 3 He *won* his friend by five metres.



- C** Sometimes, the writer has confused *it's* and *its*.
Copy and correct the sentences.

- 1 *Its* no good, *it's* tyre is flat!
- 2 *Its* a long walk to the garage.
- 3 *Its* probably shut at this time of night!




Extension

Write a sentence that contains each pair of words.

- 1 lend borrow

If you lend me your pen, you can borrow my rubber.

- 2 teach learn
3 where were
4 practice practise
5 their they're

The first one 
has been done
for you.



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Support

1 Fill each gap with *it's* or *its*.

- 1 The dog is shedding _____ coat.
- 2 I think _____ nearly time for tea.
- 3 _____ possible that the taxi has lost _____ way.

2 Fill each gap with *win* or *beat*.

- 1 I will _____ you if I train hard.
- 2 He really wanted to _____ the competition.
- 3 To _____, I have to _____ a lot of good swimmers.

3 Fill each gap with *of* or *have*.

- 1 The cost _____ petrol is going up every week!
- 2 I could _____ tried harder.
- 3 If I _____ the time, the list _____ jobs will be done.



4 Fill each gap with *practice* or *practise*.

- 1 _____ makes perfect.
- 2 I have to _____ for half an hour each day.
- 3 If you _____ regularly, your _____ sessions will become easier.

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Extension

Use a dictionary to help you.

Here are some more *confusing words*.

Put each word into a sentence of your own.

1 accept

2 except

3 beside

4 besides

5 among

6 between

7 advice

8 advise
