

CONFUSING WORDS WORKSHEET #3

The following words often create confusion:

lead means to go first and is a verb.

led is the past tense of lead.

lead is a heavy, silvery-blue metal and is a noun.

lose means to misplace or experience the loss of something.

loose means baggy, free, or not fastened.

past is a preposition or adjective that refers to that which has ended or gone by.

passed is a verb which is the past tense of pass.

piece refers to a section or a part of something.

peace means calm or quiet, the opposite of war and/or discord.

plane is a flat, level surface or a carpenter's tool. It is also the short form for *airplane*.

plain means clearly understood, simple, or ordinary. It can also refer to an expanse of land.

principal as an adjective describes something of a chief or central importance. As a noun it refers to the head of a school or the face value of a financial investment..

principle is a basic truth, standard, or rule of behavior.

EXERCISE

Use the words correctly. Underline the correct word from the words in parentheses.

1. She rapidly walked (**past, passed**) the other people on the boardwalk.
2. Use the (**plain, plane**) to balance the washer.
3. Pencils have (**lead, led**) in them.
4. If you (**lose, loose**) your book, you'll have to buy a new one.
5. May I have another (**piece, peace**) of cake?
6. The (**principal, principle**) of the high school supported the teacher's decision.
7. Six minus two is (**plane, plain**) subtraction.
8. Who will (**lead, led**) the tour?
9. In the (**past, passed**), we often worked until midnight or after.
10. Integrity is a greater (**principal, principle**) to live by than honesty.
11. The community said the dance hall disturbed the (**piece, peace**).

12. “The rain in Spain stays mainly on the **(plane, plain)**,” said Eliza.
13. Billy **(lead, led)** the children through the maze.
14. The wheel on my bike is **(lose, loose)**.
15. She spoke in **(plane, plain)** English.
16. The college built a parking terrace on a small **(peace, piece)** of land.
17. The teacher **(passed, past)** out the corrected tests.
18. I always **(loose, lose)** my pen or pencil.
19. The **(principal, principle)** debate issue was the funding of education.
20. At the meeting the children **(lead, led)** the adults in donating to the cause.