

THE CONFUSED WORD: THEIR, THERE, THEY'RE

Their is a possessive pronoun which means “belonging to them.”

There is an adverb which means “in that place.” It is also sometimes used as an expletive at the beginning of sentences, when the subject comes later in the sentence: There is one woman left.

They're is a contraction of two words: they are

These three words are pronounced exactly alike to rhyme with bear and dare.

EXERCISE

Directions: Fill in the blanks with their, there or they're whichever is appropriate.

1. _____ going on vacation next week.
2. They love _____ neighborhood.
3. _____ is a banana in your ear.
4. Liza Minelli is right over _____.
5. Those kids look like _____ having fun.
6. The expressions on _____ faces gave them away.
7. I enjoy shopping in _____ store.
8. The French are proud of _____ language.
9. Those pictures of Puerto Rico make me want to go back _____ right now.
10. _____ the only relatives I have left in the world.

Directions: Write one sentence using the three words their, there, and they're.
