

TEN-MINUTE GRAMMAR
EXTRA DRY SIX
HOMOPHONES LESSON ONE

Write your own sentences that correctly use the following words:

1. Wear
2. Your
3. To
4. Which

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt from The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (could be five, depending on how you fix one of them):

Madge shoots him a look, trying to see if its a genuine compliment or if he's just being ironic. It is a pretty dress but she would never be whereing it ordinarily she presses her lips and together then smiles.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

- **ANAGRAM:** Rearrange the letters in the nonsense phrase below to create new words that actually make sense.

WRY CONEY KIT

(Hint: place)

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Read the excerpts from The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins and then answer the following questions:

The result was Panem, a shining Capitol ringed by thirteen districts, which brought peace and prosperity to it's citizens.

1. Why is the word "Panem" capitalized?
2. Is the "which" on the second line used correctly?
3. List all the verbs in this sentence (there are two of them).
4. Is the "it's" on the second line used correctly?

There has never been anything romantic between Gale and me. When we met, I was a skinny twelve-year-old, and although he was only too years older, he already looked like a man.

5. Is the word "There" in the first sentence used correctly?
6. Is the word "skinny" on the second line a noun, adjective, or pronoun?
7. Is the "too" in the second sentence used correctly?
8. List all the pronouns in this selection (there are at least four).

Wordplay – Just for fun!

- **EIGHT LETTERS:** Create as many words as you can using three or more of the letters below (at least one eight-letter word is possible):

D A D O R I E N

NAME: _____

PERIOD: _____

Read the following article about Roman Gladiators. When you come to a bold group of homophones, choose the correct word.

If (**your / you're**) interested in seeing an intense sporting event today, you can go (**two / too / to**) a football game or watch a boxing match. In ancient Rome, the most exciting sporting event was gladiator fighting.

The word "gladiator" comes from the Latin word "gladius," (**which / witch**) means "sword." Gladiators were armed combatants who entered an arena (**where / where**) they (**would / wood**) fight against other gladiators, condemned criminals, or sometimes even wild animals. Contests ranged from as small as (**two / too / to**) gladiators fighting one another to small armies engaging in mock battles.

Many of these contests were fights (**two / too / to**) the death. But it was often left to the spectators to decide (**whether / weather**) or not a losing gladiator should be killed (**buy / by / bye**) the winner or (**aloud / allowed**) to live.

Although (**sum / some**) gladiators were free men fighting (**for / four**) fame or valor, most were either slaves or prisoners.

(**It's / its**) not exactly clear when gladiator fighting started, but (**their / there / they're**) is evidence that it might have originally (**bin / been**) a funeral rite. More and more Romans began to (**here / hear**) about the exciting fights, and (**it's / its**) popularity (**led / lead**) to the expensive and extravagant spectacles we (**know / no**) as "gladiatorial games." The games reached (**their / there / they're**) peak between the 1st century BCE and the 2nd century CE.

Gladiator fighting became hugely popular and a booming business. The games were held in Rome and surrounding areas, (**two / to / too**).

Some of Rome's emperors even participated in the games. (**Won / One**) in particular, Emperor Commodus, was (**so / sew**) fanatical about the gladiatorial games that he fought often and gave himself the title "Hercules Reborn." Of (**coarse / course**), Commodus never allowed himself to (**be / bee**) in any (**reel / real**) danger; he (**wood / would**) kill helpless animals or men who were either crippled or (**tide / tied**) up.

Gladiator fights became (**to / two / too**) much of a financial burden to the Empire, and the games began to diminish. As Christianity became the state religion of the Rome, the violent sport was seen as murderous and evil, (**witch / which**) eventually led to the practice being officially (**band / banned**).

Fix any incorrect bold words in the example sentences from *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (if the bold word is already correct, just write "CORRECT").

- _____ The square's surrounded by shops, and on public market days, especially if there is good weather, it has a holiday feel to it.
- _____ The crowd responds with **it's** token applause, but he's confused and tries to give Effie Trinket a big hug, which she barely manages to fend off.
- _____ We don't hunt them on purpose, but if **you're** attacked and you take out a dog or two, well, meat is meat.
- _____ Latecomers are directed to the adjacent streets, **where** they can watch the even on screens as **it's** televised live by the state.
- _____ Most of the Peacekeepers turn a blind eye to the few of us who hunt because **their** as hungry for fresh meat as anybody is.
- _____ The last thing I needed was another mouth **two** feed.
- _____ The crowd draws in a collective breath and then you can **here** a pin drop.
- _____ "Happy Hunger Games! And may the odds be ever in **your** favor!"
- _____ This is the Capitol's way of reminding us how totally we are at **they're** mercy.
- _____ **It's** **too** bad, really, that they hold the reaping in the square—one of the few places in District 12 that can be pleasant.
- _____ Primps face is as fresh as a raindrop, as lovely as the primrose for **witch** she was named.
- _____ My mother **where's** a fine dress from her apothecary days.
- _____ **Its** the same story every year.
- _____ She goes on a bit about what an honor it is to be **here**, although everyone knows **she's** just aching to get bumped up to a better district.
- _____ But since we're lucky if we get **to** or three hours of electricity in the evenings, the fence is usually safe to touch.
- _____ From this place, we are invisible but have a clear view of the valley, **which** is teeming with summer life.