



Some words are often misread because they are read quickly. Read each incomplete sentence and look carefully at the two words below it. Then underline the word that completes the sentence.

1. Tim's job was to repack the _____ in smaller boxes before shipment.
peaches beaches
2. The birds seem to fly just _____ the white clouds when I watch them from here.
elbow below
3. Ruth told her little brother not to _____ toys from his friends.
brag grab
4. Mary felt a _____ stick her finger as she cut the roses.
thorn north
5. Ken _____ his new catcher's mitt with him for the game after school today.
brought bought
6. "We'll try to finish the house by October, at _____," the builder told the man.
steal least
7. Mom _____ the two girls to wash the dishes after dinner.
expects excepts
8. A _____ reporter takes down every word of testimony during a trial.
count court
9. Betty _____ she could see the boat far out on the lake.
thought though
10. We wondered why the mailman left the package at the _____ door.
rear rare
11. I was already fifteen minutes late, and _____ I missed the bus.
when then
12. Before election day, many people who were away from home cast absentee _____.
ballots ballets

Context Clues

In each box read the incomplete sentence and the three words below it. Then underline the word that completes the sentence.

1. Last _____ only five of the boys could go to camp.

- a. year b. your c. yearn

8. Tim Wilson was the best _____ on our baseball team last year.

- a. picket b. picture c. pitcher

2. Dave went with his _____ to see a baseball game last Saturday.

- a. fatter b. father c. farther

9. Larry's _____ on football was printed in the school newspaper.

- a. artery b. article c. artist

3. Andy was the first one to catch a rainbow _____ large enough to keep.

- a. trout b. trot c. truth

10. The old blue plate was chipped around the _____.

- a. rind b. rim c. risk

4. Did Jim _____ return all of the overdue library books?

- a. ever b. every c. very

11. We felt the cool air when the blades of the fan began to _____.

- a. turn b. trunk c. burn

5. The pitcher stepped off the _____ and motioned to the catcher.

- a. mold b. month c. mound

12. The man didn't say a _____ about the dented fender on his car.

- a. wart b. word c. work

6. The umpire called the game because of the heavy _____.

- a. rail b. rain c. ram

13. Sue told the man she wanted a pair of shoes just like those in the _____.

- a. wander b. wonder c. window

7. The village is _____ and peaceful because it is rather isolated.

- a. quit b. quite c. quiet

14. Bob says first he thinks about his homework and _____ he does it.

- a. then b. than c. them