

# Word Choice Quiz Key

Indicate by number the correct word choice in the following sentences.

1. Reading **(1)** aloud, **(2)** out loud is considered good practice.
2. Competition **(1)** between, **(2)** among several big tobacco companies has enriched advertising agencies.
3. **(1)** As for my part, **(2)** As for me, I dislike television Westerns.
4. **(1)** It's, **(2)** its not known whether the plane will land at San Jose.
5. The committee is **(1)** real, **(2)** very busy decorating the gymnasium.
6. He always **(1)** lays, **(2)** lies down as soon as he gets home from the office.
7. He **(1)** lay, **(2)** laid nearly fifteen hundred bricks in his patio last week.
8. He could not **(1)** except, **(2)** accept the president's mandate to resign.
9. He is now ready **(1)** to, **(2)** too, **(3)** two leave for Seattle at a moment's notice.
10. Only a tax consultant will know how the new legislation **(1)** affects, **(2)** effects small businesses.
11. Great piles of colorful autumn leaves are **(1)** lying, **(2)** laying on the lawn.
12. The coach was **(1)** some, **(2)** somewhat upset when the game was declared forfeited.
13. When my Persian kitten wants **(1)** in, **(2)** to come in, he has many ways to attract my attention.
14. She went **(1)** right, **(2)** directly to the library after class.
15. We could not help **(1)** but feel, **(2)** feeling sad that the summer vacation had ended.
16. Ask if he will **(1)** leave, **(2)** let us go home early today.
17. "The Homers' swimming pool is **(1)** behind, **(2)** in back of their house.
18. **(1)** Irregardless, **(2)** Irrespective of the cost, he bought a new Thunderbird.
19. We paid **(1)** to, **(2)** too much for our new television set.

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20. She found that the sack of sugar had (1) busted, **(2)** burst, (3) bursted open.
21. Certain (1) humans, **(2)** people act as if they owned the whole wide world.
22. (1) Everyplace, **(2)** Everywhere that we go, we hear people discussing the election.
23. My mother said that it would be **(1)** all right, (2) alright to go for a midnight swim.
24. I'll be very glad if you will (1) try and, **(2)** try to come to the seminar.
25. I knew that Father was (1) most, **(2)** almost at the end of his patience with us.
26. The criminal was put to death by gas; he was not (1) hung, **(2)** hanged.
27. We cannot go (1) without, **(2)** unless someone buys gasoline for the car.
28. The president contemplates **(1)** further, (2) farther studies of building needs.
29. Until it is (1) proven, **(2)** proved untrue, I shall believe his story of the murder.
30. Many items of "optional equipment" on our car have little **(1)** practical, (2) practicable value.
31. When you finish the dishes, you may (1) lay, **(2)** lie down for an hour.
32. The (1) principle, **(2)** principal item of expense was the New York steaks.
33. She **(1)** ought, (2) had ought to return the book before the library closes.
34. My delay was (1) because of, **(2)** due to a broken rear spring in my car.
35. She had (1) all ready, **(2)** already seen Titanic.
36. I am very late with this assignment, **(1)** aren't I, (2) am I not?
37. They are all more experienced players (1) then, **(2)** than we are.
38. My daughter's wedding was performed by (1) The Reverend Mr., **(2)** Reverend Strong.
39. She uses (1) less, **(2)** fewer eggs in her angel-food cake than I do.
40. They are (1) sure, **(2)** surely delighted with their new Cadillac.
41. Classes in college seem much different (1) than, **(2)** from those in high school.

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42. He **(1)** could hardly, (2) couldn't hardly breathe at 14,000 feet.
43. His teacher is **(1)** not nearly, (2) nowhere near as strict as mine.
44. "I (1) can't hardly, **(2)** can hardly believe my eyes!" she exclaimed.
45. We watched from the wings as the curtain was (1) raising, **(2)** rising.
46. He is not very (1) enthused, **(2)** enthusiastic about modern painting.
47. "He could even **(1)** lose, (2) loose himself on Hollywood Boulevard!" my sister said.
48. The dog has (1) laid, **(2)** lain on his favorite rug all morning.