

# Word Choice Quiz

**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.