

CONFUSED WORDS: THEN AND THAN

THEN	THAN
<i>Then</i> tells “when.” It is also used in tandem with <i>if</i> to mean “in that case.”	<i>Than</i> is placed after an adjective or adverb to establish a comparison.
She was <i>then</i> called upon to make a speech. If you are too busy, <i>then</i> I’ll do it.	Anita is taller <i>than</i> her sister Cecilia I like English better <i>than</i> I like math.

Fill in the blanks with *then* or *than*.

- The mornings will soon be colder _____ they have been.
- Robert did his Biology; _____ he started writing his report for anthropology.
- If you eat your peas, _____ you can have dessert.
- Alex scored more points _____ Javier.
- Ernesto jumped higher _____ Joseph.
- Kelly got her tax return; _____ she bought a new car.
- If you clean your room, _____ you can go to the movies with your friends.
- When it begins to snow, _____ you can use your new sled.
- Sally crossed the finish line sooner _____ Nicole; _____ Nicole congratulated her.
- More people showed up at the party _____ Melinda expected.

Write one sentence using the word *than*:

Write one sentence using the word *then*:

CONFUSED WORDS: THOUGH, THOUGHT AND THROUGH

THOUGH	THOUGHT	THROUGH
<i>Though</i> means “although.” It rhymes with <i>blow</i> , <i>toe</i> , and <i>no</i> .	<i>Thought</i> is the past tense of think, and it also means that which a person thinks: his thought. It rhymes with bought, taught, and fought.	<i>Through</i> is used with reference to moving inside of, or by means of. It also means “done with”: Let’s go <i>through</i> Minneapolis. I am <i>through</i> with love. <i>Through</i> sounds exactly like <i>threw</i> , which is the past tense of throw: He <i>threw</i> the cat out. <i>Through</i> and <i>threw</i> rhyme with <i>blue</i> , <i>two</i> , and <i>knew</i> .

In the following sentences fill in the blanks with *though*, *thought*, or *through*.

1. Bobby _____ he could write the paper in two hours, but it took two weeks instead.
2. Mother functioned well _____ the funeral, and then she collapsed.
3. To get to my grandmother’s house you have to go _____ the woods.
4. Our country is going _____ a recession _____ it’s not going fast enough for some people.
5. The soup looked delicious _____ it had a strange aftertaste.
6. We _____ winter was _____, but we woke up to find snow on the ground.
7. Success is said to come _____ hard work and determination.
8. Nobody should walk _____ that park alone at night.
9. The dress was very fancy _____ though in poor taste.
10. I never _____ Mark would wear a suit and tie.

Write one sentence using the word *though*:

Write one sentence using the word *thought*:

Write one sentence using the word *through*:
