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Writing Center

CONFUSED WORDS: WELL, WE'LL, AND WILL

WELL	WE'LL	WILL
Well means two things—first, "a hole in the ground for getting water or oil," or "an oil well." It also means "good" or "O.K." *Well* rhymes with *bell* and *tell*.	*We'll* is a contraction of two words: we will. *We'll* is pronounced exactly like *wheel*. It rhymes with *feel* and *deal*.	*Will* has two meanings. First, it is the verb to indicate the future tense. Second, it may mean one's desire or intention, as in willpower. Will rhymes with *bill, still,* and *kill*.

Fill in the blanks with *well, we'll* or *will*.

1. _____all fit under my umbrella without any trouble.

2. Jessica's mother is doing _____ in school.

3. Catarina _____ be going to Guatemala this summer.

4. Emma has been feeling _____ since the operation.

5. _____you be attending the party?

6. The farmer's water comes from a_____, not from the city.

7. She has been ill for so long, it is great to see her feeling_____.

8. _____all be going to the meeting soon.

9. A good diet is important for staying _____ and healthy.

10. Yoshi _____ graduate this fall.

Write one sentence using the word *well*:

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Write one sentence using the word *we'll*:

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Write one sentence using the word *will*:

_____

CONFUSED WORDS: WERE, WE'RE, AND WHERE

WERE	WE'RE	WHERE
Were is the past tense of *are*: *Were* you on time for class? It rhymes with *stir, blur, and fur.*	*We're* is a contraction of two words: *we are.* It is pronounced exactly like weird, except that it doesn't end with a d sound. It rhymes with clear and fear.	*Where* means "at a certain place." *Where* rhymes with there, care, and chair.

Fill in the blanks with *were, we're,* or *where.*

1. The driver was lost because he did not know _____ to turn.

2. _____going to Santa Barbara tomorrow.

3. Carlos and Julio got up late, so they _____ late for their history class.

4. We don't know if _____going to take a vacation this summer.

5. Alaska is a place _____I would like to explore.

6. I told the realtor that _____unsure about purchasing the house.

7. The new community education building is located _____ the old building S used to be.

8. The police officers _____ the first to arrive at the scene of the crime.

9. _____ going to see the *Sound of Music* at the PCPA theatre.

10. _____do you think you are going?

Write one sentence using the word *were:*

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Write one sentence using the word *we're***:**

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Write one sentence using the word *where:*

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