

Conventions 3: Where / Were, Could Have vs. Could “of,” Then / Than, Beginning

Where / Were

Where = a question regarding location:

“Where is your bike?”

Were = past-tense verb:

“The bikes were over there.”

Could Have vs. “Could of”

Could have, should have, would have = correct:

“I should have gone home then.”

(Could’ve = correct, too.)

“Could of,” “should of,” “would of” = WRONG.

Then / Than

Then = next:

“First we go to school, then we go home.”

Than = a comparison:

“I eat more than you do.”

Spelling: BEGINNING (three groups of three letters)

ELMO Practice

Yesterday there were / where to / two / too
woman / women standing in front of my house.
First, they just stood there, but than / then they
knocked on the door and asked were / where my
dad was. I told them they should of / should have
come at the begining / beggining / beginning of
the day; he was already at work. One
woman / women looked much younger
than / then the other.

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Then or than?

1. I have more classes _____ you.
2. We'll go out to eat, _____ go home.
3. Will you arrive early, _____ leave late?
4. Is your sister younger _____ you?

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Name _____

Where is a question regarding location: “Where are your bikes?”

Were is a past-tense verb: “The bikes were over there.”

Directions: Fill in the blanks with “where” or “were.”

1. _____ in the world are my keys?
2. My keys _____ over there, but now they’re gone.
3. _____ your keys over there, too?
4. They aren’t _____ I usually put them, but a minute ago they _____.
5. _____ did you put my keys?
6. _____ you trying to cause problems by hiding them?

Directions: Write your own sentences.

7. Write a sentence using “were” and “your.”

8. Write a sentence using “where” and “you’re.”

9. Write a sentence using “where,” “were,” and “beginning.”

Name _____

Conventions Workshop: Could Have vs. Could “of”

Could HAVE is correct: “I could HAVE left earlier.”

Also correct: Should HAVE and would HAVE

Could “of” is not correct.

Also incorrect: Should “of” and would “of”

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase.

1. If I had known about your birthday, I would _____ brought flowers.
2. In addition, I could _____ brought you a gift.
3. I know—I know . . . I should _____ known about your birthday.
4. I guess I also would _____ made you a cake.
5. I should _____ listened when you told me it was your birthday.
6. Write a sentence using “could have” and “where.”

7. Write a sentence using “would have” and “were.”

8. Write a sentence using “should have” and “than.”

9. Write a sentence using “should have” and “then.”

Name _____

Conventions Workshop: Then vs Than

Then tells when.

Than is used in a comparison.

For example: I'll go to the store, **then** I'll go to school.
I'll buy bread that's fresher **than** the loaf I bought yesterday.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with “then” or “than.”

1. Just remember to sleep more _____ you study.

2. First study, _____ sleep.
3. Don't wait—first see your professors during office hours, _____ do what they tell you to do.
4. Your professors might have more time for you _____ for other students.
5. If you go to office hours, you might get better grades _____ your friends, _____ you can feel superior.
6. Used textbooks are cheaper _____ new ones, but if you buy textbooks that are less _____ new, you could end up with information more dated _____ not.
7. Go to the first class, _____ buy your textbooks.
8. Used textbooks are cheaper on Amazon _____ from the bookstore, but they're often more beat up _____ books you'd get from the bookstore.
9. You could always buy the books from Amazon, _____ sell them.
10. You might make more money _____ your friends who sell to other students.
11. Now, write a sentence using "then" **and** "than."

Name _____

Conventions 3 Quiz, part 2: Sentences

Directions: Write sentences using the following words and phrases. Use capital letters at the beginnings of sentences and ending punctuation. Underline the required words as you use them. Use the words in a way that demonstrates you understand them. (“Your is a word,” for example = zero points.)

1. your and “should have” or “should of” (whichever one is correct)

2. women and it’s

3. they’re and its

4. than and too

5. then and their

6. you’re and there

7. there and woman

Name _____ (first and last names)

Conventions Quiz 3 Fill in the blanks. **Do NOT simply circle the correct answer.**

1. This fall, I plan _____ read _____ of books about careers.
to / two / too alot / a lot
2. I should _____ read more _____ two books last year.
of / have than / then
3. Are _____ extra books in _____ locker?
their / they're / there your / you're
4. My friends want to read books, _____, but _____ not sharing.
to / two / too your / you're
5. _____ going to be weeks before those three _____ will share with you.
Its / It's woman / women
6. _____ going to keep _____ new copies to themselves.
Their / they're / there their / they're / there
7. One of my new books is long, but _____ introduction is quite short.
its / it's
8. One _____ asked, " _____ my copy?"
woman / women Were's / Where's
9. First they _____ nice, _____ they weren't.
were / where than / then
10. Next year, I'll go to _____, where I'll show everyone the beautiful
collage / college
_____ of photos I made in art class.
collage / college
11. Few people have perfect _____, but at least I can
gramer / grammer / gramar / grammar
spell _____.
beggining/begining/beginning/beginning
12. "You" in academic writing = good bad (circle one)

Score _____ / 22

13. Write a paragraph describing your best childhood friend. Focus on using correct conventions, but you don't have to use any specific conventions from this packet. (I'll mark everything that's wrong, but I'll only take points away for concepts we've talked about.) Your paragraph must be at least **SIX** sentences long. (10 points possible)

Did you write at least SIX sentences? If not, add some.

Points earned, this paragraph _____ / 10

Extra credit: A) What's the name of the spell check and grammar check we practiced using last class period, and B) What's your user name, and C) What's your password, and D) Can you use this program from home?

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

D) _____