Words That Sound Alike

Choose there or their to fit the meaning.

3.LF.14.d "Use knowledge of homophones to determine appropriate use of words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

THERE

Use there to tell where something is.

A kite landed there.

THEIR

Use their to show that something belongs to people or animals.

Their hamster naps.

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1 SORT: Circle THERE or THEIR to complete each sentence; Part 2 PROVE IT: Pick two numbered sentences and explain how you knew which word fits each blank.

1. Put the basket over ____. THERE THEIR

2. Our bus stops ____. THERE THEIR

3. The twins packed ____ lunches. THERE THEIR

4. Please wait ____ by the gate. THERE THEIR

5. The otters carried ____ shells. THERE THEIR

6. The players tied ____ shoes. THERE THEIR

7. Your bicycle is parked ____. THERE THEIR

8. Look ____ near the pond. THERE THEIR

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new sentence with there that tells where something is, and one new sentence with their that shows something belongs to people or animals.

THERE _____

THEIR _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same group of people, one using there for a place and one using their to show what belongs to them.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Put the basket over ___.	**THERE**	The blank names a place to put the basket.
2	Our bus stops ___.	**THERE**	The blank tells where the bus stops.
3	The twins packed ___ lunches.	**THEIR**	The lunches belong to the twins.
4	Please wait ___ by the gate.	**THERE**	The blank tells where to wait.
5	The otters carried ___ shells.	**THEIR**	The shells belong to the otters.
6	The players tied ___ shoes.	**THEIR**	The shoes belong to the players.
7	Your bicycle is parked ___.	**THERE**	The blank tells where the bicycle is parked.
8	Look ___ near the pond.	**THERE**	The blank points to a place to look.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **THERE**: The moon is up there.
- **THEIR**: The sisters washed their cups.

Challenge: The hikers rested there beside the lake. Their backpacks sat on the grass.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect there to a place or their to something belonging to a group in the chosen sentences. Part 3 answers may vary if both words fit their sentences.