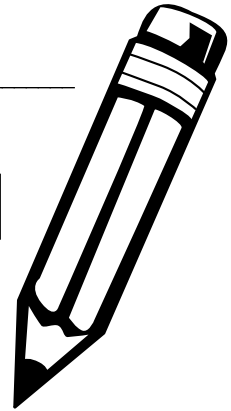


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# Be a Word Whiz Kid

Knowing how to use words correctly when you write helps you communicate better. Below are four words that are often used incorrectly. Read the word-usage instructions below. Then, see if you can be a word whiz kid!

Four words that are often confused and misused are: **Less/Fewer**, and **Good/Well**. Here are a few helpful hints that will make it easier for you to remember when to use each word.

- **LESS** and **FEWER** are usually adjectives, or words that describe nouns.
- **LESS** applies to quantities and **FEWER** applies to units.
- Use **LESS** with plural nouns that are regarded as singular items, such as water or money.
- Use **FEWER** with plural nouns that can be counted one by one, like days or books.
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- **GOOD** is an adjective, and should be used to describe nouns.
- **WELL** is usually an adverb, or a word that describes verbs.
- **WELL** also can be used as an adjective meaning "healthy."
- Decide whether to use **GOOD** or **WELL** depending on the sentence.

For each sentence below, circle the correct word.

1. Buddy is normally such a (**good, well**) dog.
2. You look ill; are you feeling (**good, well**)?
3. When you become the leader of your troop, you will have (**less, fewer**) time to spend with your little sister.
4. I have some (**good, well**) news and some bad news to tell you.
5. Yes, I remember (**good, well**) what happened during the rehearsal.
6. Eric usually teaches (**less, fewer**) students during the winter.
7. Amber spent no (**less, fewer**) than six hours waiting for her friend at the airport.
8. I want to remind you how (**good, well**) a time I had volunteering at the soup kitchen.
9. Linda really cares about her (**good, well**) health!
10. A discount store will charge you (**less, fewer**) than a department store will.