



Which sentence is correct?

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Sometimes it is hard to tell which word to use. There are really no rules. Instead, there are common usages that have been accepted over time and are now considered correct standard English. The best thing you can do to learn how to use the correct idiom is to make a list of word choices you have trouble with and learn the correct accepted usage.

For the above example, we would say: The extinction of the dinosaurs has been linked to a large meteor impact.

### Practice

Try to fill in the correct word in these sentence. The commonly accepted answers are on the back.

1. I sold more boxes of girl scout cookies \_\_\_\_\_ my roommate.
2. She sold as many boxes \_\_\_\_\_ she could.
3. My roommate's laundry pile was so pungent \_\_\_\_\_ I became sick to my stomach.
4. Who/Whom did you invite to the party?
5. I don't know who/whom to ask for help with my research paper.
6. The Writing Center can help you with papers on topics from research \_\_\_\_\_ personal statements.
7. He is regarded \_\_\_\_\_ an expert on APA style citation.
8. Most students do not want to be seen associating \_\_\_\_\_ tutors.
9. I would prefer a good novel like/such as *The God of Small Things* over/to a nonfiction book.
10. Between/among the three writing assistants, she has the most experience with lab reports.
11. I made five fewer/less grammar mistakes in my paper after I completed this worksheet.
12. However, I still got fewer/less questions right than I would like.
13. I am surprised by the large number/amount (counting) of people who didn't show up for class.
14. In a case where/when a student comes in late to class, he should be marked down absent.
15. I don't like people who/that kick puppies.
16. Anyone who knows anything knows that dinosaurs are different from/than lizards.
17. Among/between all my friends, Jake is the best student.
18. I like both chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ vanilla.
19. I prefer either fruits \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables to candy.

## Answers

1. I sold more boxes of girl scout cookies **than** my roommate.
2. She sold as many boxes **as** she could.
3. My roommate's laundry pile was so pungent **that** I became sick to my stomach.
4. **Who** did you invite to the party?
5. I don't know **who** to ask for help with my research paper.
6. The Writing Center can help you with papers on topics from research **to** personal statements.
7. He is regarded **as** an expert on APA style citation.
8. Most students do not want to be seen associating **with** tutors.
9. I would prefer a good novel **like** *The God of Small Things* **over** a nonfiction book.
10. **Between** the three writing assistants, she has the most experience with lab reports.
11. I made five **less** grammar mistakes in my paper after I completed this worksheet.
12. However, I still got **fewer** questions right than I would like.
13. I am surprised by the large **number** of people who didn't show up for class.
14. In a case **where** a student comes in late to class, he should be marked down absent.
15. I don't like people **who** kick puppies.
16. Anyone who knows anything knows that dinosaurs are different **from** lizards.
17. **Among** all my friends, Jake is the best student.
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