

COMMON MISTAKES (3 Answers)

Early -vs- Fast / Died -vs- Dead / Tell -vs- Teach
(time) (speed) (past verb) (adj) (information) (for learning)

Use **early** or **fast** in the spaces below:

1. John woke up really early to go surfing before he went to work.
2. Sorry, I have to leave early today. I have a doctor's appointment.
3. Pete was driving too fast on the highway and got a speeding ticket.
4. The teacher spoke so fast that no one could understand her.
5. My party started at 7, but some people came early and I wasn't ready yet, so I had to cook food as fast as I could.
6. The morning seminar about opera was so boring that we left early and decided to have an early lunch.
7. We got to Disneyland too early and had to wait an hour until it finally opened. I love to ride Space Mountain because it is so fast !

Use **died** or **dead** in the spaces below:

1. I forgot to water my plants for 2 weeks and now they are all dead .
2. I forgot to water my plants for 2 weeks and now they have all died .
3. The politician lied and claimed that thousands of dead people voted.
4. A skydiver died when his parachute didn't open and he had been dead for several days before his body was found.
5. I was so embarrassed that I almost died when I saw that my pants zipper was down during my TV interview.
6. I'm dead when my dad finds out that I crashed his car. He's gonna kill me.
7. Over 1,500 people died when the mighty Titanic sank in 1912.
8. Why did you do that?! You could have died ! It was so dangerous!

Use **tell** or **teach** in the spaces below:

1. I need to contact you later, so could you tell me your phone number?
2. My brother will teach me to ride a bicycle on Saturday.
3. If you tell me your big secret, I promise I won't tell anyone.
4. My professor doesn't teach us anything! He just reads his book and doesn't even tell us what to do! He's so lazy!
5. I tell Billy every time to lock his bicycle, but he didn't do it again!
I should take his bicycle to teach him a lesson about locking it!
6. Could you tell me what today's math homework is?
7. If you teach my son how to swim, I'll teach your son how to fish.