



# The Grammar Police Cheat Sheet

A list of commonly misused words to help edit your writing projects

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Listed below are words that are typically misused. I have included examples for proper use.

**There-** Please go sit over there. There are no more apples. There are many to choose from.

**Their-** The children forgot their jackets. My friends left for vacation with their parents. Do you know where their notebooks are?

**They're-** (They are)- They're on the kitchen table. They're not the best I've ever seen.

**Your-** Your laundry is clean. Did you clean out your car? How are your children?

**You're-** (You are)- You're very welcome. You're looking beautiful today. You're serious?

**You've-** (You have)- You've got to do something about that. You've never seen that before?

**Where-** Where are you going? Do you know where I put my keys? I don't know where.

**Were-** Were you planning on finishing that? Were you with your boyfriend today? Where were you?

**We're-** (We are)- We're leaving for the beach now. We're not seeing eye to eye. We're not done.

**Bear-** I can hardly bear to see you cry. How much weight can you possibly bear? He bears a likeness to his brother. I like your teddy bear.

**Bare(ly)-** The room was completely bare. It was the bare minimum. I can barely remember a time when people did not have computers. She had barely enough time to make it to the appointment.

**Weather-** The weather is sunny today. What type of weather are you having?

**Whether-** Whether or not you believe it, I am telling the truth. Do you know whether or not he is coming?

**Are-** Are you leaving first thing in the morning? Are you sure? The holiday decorations are up.

**Our-** I don't think our lives will ever be the same. Our relatives are visiting tomorrow.

**Than-** This color is different than that color. There is nothing more disgusting than that.

**Then-** What will I do then? Then you must do it. Where will you be then?

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