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Word Choice – Exercise 4: *Lose* and *Loose*

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—*lose* or *loose*.

1. Stuffed with novels, the cheap bookcase sagged to the right, so Angela tightened the _____ screws before the shelves collapsed.
2. Kamaria wiggled her _____ tooth, hoping to find a five-dollar bill under her pillow when the incisor finally came out.
3. Because Regina removes her engagement ring to wash her hands, her fiancé Emilio is certain she will _____ the beautiful diamond in a public restroom.
4. Glenda's Yorkshire terrier escaped under the fence and ran _____ in the front yard, yipping ferociously at cars that drove past the house.
5. If Terrence continues skipping class, he will not only fail Freshman Composition but also _____ his scholarship.
6. With the _____ change Robert found on the bedroom table, he can buy a soda to drink with his peanut butter sandwich.
7. Grandma decided to buy Jason a belt for Christmas. She disliked the _____ jeans that hung on his hips, revealing his polka-dotted boxer shorts.
8. Raisin-sized droppings littered the living room floor, so Eric knew his roommate's rabbit had once again escaped her cage and was _____ in the apartment.
9. Old Professor Seymour will frequently _____ his train of thought in the middle of an explanation; he must ask the class what they were discussing before he can continue the lecture.
10. If you leave the turkey on the cutting board, you will _____ it to Billy, the family's Irish wolfhound, whose head easily reaches the countertop.
11. The director warned Samuel that he would _____ computer lab privileges if she ever again caught him downloading research papers at schoolsucks.com.
12. Everyone warned Dusty that he would _____ his girlfriend if he insisted on singing in the car, but he continued belting out country ballads in his scratchy, off-tune voice.
13. Sanford untucked his _____ shirt, hoping to conceal his pockets bulging with bootleg snacks that he wanted to sneak into the movie theater.
14. Kimberly thought she would surely _____ her mind trying to keep up with the pages and pages of homework assigned by Dr. Frazier, her organic chemistry professor.
15. My basenji Oreo never misses an opportunity to meet another dog. Just yesterday, she slipped out of her _____ collar and bolted after a dachshund trotting beside its owner.

16. Rachel prefers to wear _____ clothing but learned that a snug fitting shirt was best for yoga class since it wouldn't fall over her head during the downward dog pose.
17. Diane's beagle Reliable loves to visit Kendon Horse Park, where he can run _____ in the big pastures, tracking rabbits with his keen nose.
18. Because we often find Isabelle's car keys or cell phone in the refrigerator, we wonder if she has a screw _____.
19. Betsy's grandmother hasn't seen a movie since the 1970s because of the _____ morals she observed on screen.
20. Fall semester registration can be time consuming and frustrating. Bring a magazine and a bottle of water so that you do not _____ your patience while waiting in the long lines for academic advising and financial aid.



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