**Homework for October 25th**

Directions: Choose the correct form of the word in the sentences below.

**It’s vs. Its**

1. The puppy wasn’t sure if his master was going to praise him or scold him, so it wagged (it’s, its) tail with hesitation.

2. “(It’s, Its) been quite a challenge,” Eric admitted as he shook hands with Dr. O’Sullivan

on the last day of class.

3. The cup of hot tea sat on (it’s, its) saucer, tendrils of steam rising into the air.

4. When Yolanda opened the garden shed door, (it’s its) rusty hinges screamed for oil.

5. (It’s, its) kind of you to compliment the landscaping, but Grandpa really needs to sell that

rusty old car sitting on cinderblocks.

6. Clarissa sprinkled hot pepper flakes on the armrests. (It’s, Its) important that the puppy

learns not to chew on the sofa.

7. Every time Sophie’s thumb hit the space bar, she winced. (It’s, its) a real disadvantage to

slice open a finger while chopping celery if a major research essay is due the next day!

8. The blow dryer whined beside Carla’s ear, (it’s, its) hot breath burning her scalp.

**Hear vs. Here**

1. I knew I left my wallet (hear, here).

2. Mr. Creasman doesn’t want to (hear, here) your excuses for being late.

3. When a child doesn’t respond to things around him or her, doctors will usually recommend he or she be given a test to see how well he or she can (hear, here).

4. A red dot on the map indicates “You are (hear, here).”

5. It is hard to (hear, here) what the teacher is saying when other students in the room are talking.

6. The line to pick up your pictures begins (hear, here) by the desk.

7. Dogs have a special ability to (hear, here) sounds from miles away.

8. Please begin working from this word right (hear, here).

**They’re vs. There vs. Their**

1. Because Tamara and Casey are always smooching in their car, (they’re, there, their) friends expect them to arrive at least fifteen minutes late to dinners and movies.

2. "Don't touch those cookies!" warned Mrs. Patterson. "(They’re, There, Their) made with termites and honey for Freddie, my pet anteater."

3. Mom was furious when she arrived home from work. (They’re, There, Their) were muddy paw prints on the new white sofa, a huge grape juice stain on the carpeting, and a message from the high school wanting to know why my little brother George wasn't in class.

4. The Mitchells cut (they’re, there, their) grass so rarely that early in the morning, you can find wild rabbits feasting on the long green shoots.

5. Dusty and Chris came to the exam without (they’re, there, their) dictionaries. The disapproving look of Mrs. Mauzy, their teacher, haunted them for the entire test.

6. My dog Oreo loves to chase things, especially the lizards sunning themselves on the

sidewalk; (they’re, there, their) not as dangerous as the two family cats who will stand their ground and swipe her with sharp claws.

7. Despite the complaints from his girlfriend Gloria, Frank continues to wear his old, dirty, smelly

sneakers because (they’re, there, their) the most comfortable shoes that he owns.

8. Dallas and Kelly crammed until 4 a.m. for their final exam in accounting; (they’re, there, their) hoping for *A*s on the test to bump their bad averages up to *C*s.