

Common Errors in Usage Quiz 7: “J – L” Entries

Choose the appropriate word or expression to fill in each blank in the sentences below.

1. At first, new stepbrothers Dale and Brennan hated living together, and it seemed (1) _____ they were (2) _____ to kill each other.

- (1) as if
- (1) like
- (2) liable
- (2) likely

2. They were (1) _____ to share their possessions and would never (2) _____ each other anything.

- (1) loath
- (1) loathe
- (2) lend
- (2) loan

3. Some possessions, (1) _____ Dale’s drum set, were strictly off limits, and they were (2) _____ each other with violence for even touching those possessions.

- (1) for example
- (1) like
- (2) known for threatening
- (2) known to threaten

4. Then one day a (1) _____ magical (2) _____ happened: they learned that they actually had a lot in common, and they became best friends.

- (1) kind of
- (1) kind of a
- (2) phenomena
- (2) phenomenon

5. Their options were to be enemies, to stay isolated from each other, or to become friends, and they chose the (1) _____ option; soon they (2) _____ any animosity toward each other whatsoever.

- (1) last
- (1) latter
- (2) lacked
- (2) lacked of

Answers to Common Errors in Usage Quiz 7

Explanations and examples of these usage errors can be found on the [Common Errors in English Usage](#) page.

1. At first, new stepbrothers Dale and Brennan hated living together, and it seemed (1) **as if** they were (2) **likely** to kill each other.
2. They were (1) **loath** to share their possessions and would never (2) **lend** each other anything.
3. Some possessions, (1) **like** Dale's drum set, were strictly off limits, and they were (2) **known to threaten** each other with violence for even touching those possessions.
4. Then one day a (1) **kind of** magical (2) **phenomenon** happened: they learned that they actually had a lot in common, and they became best friends.
5. Their options were to be enemies, to stay isolated from each other, or to become friends, and they chose the (1) **last** option; soon they (2) **lacked** any animosity toward each other whatsoever.