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Introduction
Tell students that they will be learning more about words in this unit and that they will be concentrating on choosing the best words for their writing. The English language is full of words that sound the same or sound similar. Some of these words are commonly misused. In order to communicate clearly, students should understand the correct usage of homophones and other commonly misused words.

Parent Letter
Include this sample parent letter in your classroom newsletter, on your website, or in your blog.

Dear Parents,
In our Exploring English Grammar book, we will be studying how to choose the correct word to use in different situations.

» We will learn about homophones and how to use them correctly.
» We will avoid using double negatives.
» We will learn about words that are often misused and how to use them correctly.

Here are some activities to do with your student to help with what we are learning.

» Read an interesting magazine article together. Then have your student circle homophones.
» Encourage your student to use interesting words in writing. Praise his or her attempts at choosing the best words.

Thank you for your help at home!
Lesson 4  More Misused Words

Objective  To correctly use the words teach and learn and raise and rise

Enrichment  Expand your discussion of misused words to include other pairs such as let and leave, sit and set, and lie and lay.

Working with the Lesson

Remember  Read and discuss this section. Look at the examples. Discuss the differences in the meanings of the words and have students come up with additional examples for each word. Review the past tense forms of these four words.

Think About  Have the students work as a group, with a partner, or individually.

Read and Apply  Read the directions as a class. Let students complete this section independently.

Write About  Read the directions as a class. Have students complete this section independently. Allow time for students to share their paragraphs with the class.

Review  Read the directions together. Then have students work independently to complete the activity. Review the answers as a class.

Answers will vary.