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Remember

The verb *teach* means “to give instruction.” The verb *learn* means “to receive instruction.”

Dillon will *teach* me to play guitar. I hope I can *learn* quickly.

The verb *raise* means “to lift up” or “to increase or collect.” It is a transitive verb. The verb *rise* means “to get up” or “to increase in amount.” It is an intransitive verb.

Alexis *raises* her hand to ask a question. She *rises* from her seat to speak.

Think About

How can you remember the difference between *raise* and *rise*?

Read and Apply

Read the sentences. Find the five misused words. Cross out each misused word and write the correct word above it.

Jaime Escalante taught math in a tough Los Angeles high school. When he began, most of his students knew little math. He *rose* the standards; he made them want to learn. He encouraged them, telling the students that they could *rise* out of poverty. Soon, Escalante’s students had taught as much as students in better schools. He learned one class a difficult form of math called calculus. In order for them to take an advanced calculus exam, Escalante raised the funds the students needed. Many of them passed the test. Each year, the number of students in his class raised. The students were eager to learn, and Escalante was excited to learn them. Many of his students went on to excel in college.
Write About  Write a paragraph about a teacher who made an impact on your life.


Review  Read each sentence. Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. The price of gas continues to [ raise  rise ].

2. Cody [ taught  learned ] me to ride bike.

3. Abby wants to [ teach  learn ] to play the flute.

4. Will you help me [ raise  rise ] this banner over the stage?

5. The cat [ raised  rose ] from the windowsill and stretched.

6. Mr. Nelson [ teaches  learns ] his class about chemical elements.