

# Commonly Confused Words

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“**Lose**” is a verb, and it means “to no longer have a person/thing/a positive quality” or “not to win”.

**Example:** Martha kept her ticket in the bag as she didn’t want to lose it.

As an adjective, “**loose**” means “not firmly fixed”, “readily available”, or “not precise”. As a verb, it means “to let/make loose”.

**Example:** The prisoner’s skin was hanging loose.

Complete each sentence with “lose” or “loose” as appropriate.

- 1) My trousers are \_\_\_\_\_ as I have lost some weight.
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ wires hung out of the wall.
- 3) Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ your car keys, Jason!
- 4) Jane always keeps some \_\_\_\_\_ change in her purse.
- 5) The team did not want to \_\_\_\_\_ the game.
- 6) This is only a \_\_\_\_\_ translation of the story.
- 7) They tried to \_\_\_\_\_ an arrow into the air.
- 8) Mike is confident that he won’t \_\_\_\_\_ the bet.
- 9) Jaden tried not to \_\_\_\_\_ his temper when his teammates said rude things.
- 10) Farmers \_\_\_\_\_ some cattle to wolves every year.