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This booklet discusses the difference among "two," "too," and "to," and presents class activities to assist students in learning the differences. The booklet presents and discusses three rules: use "too" if "so" or "also" can be substituted for the word; use "two" if another number can be substituted; and if "so," "also," or another number does not sound well when substituted, use "to." The booklet concludes with a series of exercises that can be used as individual seat exercises, group activities, or teacher-directed or student-directed activities. (RS)

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THE THREE "TOOZE"

TOO, TWO & to

Once upon a time there were three "TOOZE":

Papa **TOO**

Mama **TWO**

and little baby **to**.

PAPA **TOO** was always saying O-O, I ate too much

too = so

or OOooh, it's too hot in here...
or OOooh, it's too cold in here...
or OOooh, it's too bad you can't come...
or OOooh, it's too good for me...
or OOooh, it's too far away...
or OOooh, it's too close for comfort...
or OOooh, it's too hard for me...
or OOooh, it's too easy for me...
or OOooh, it's too soft for me...

too = also

or OOooh! Can I go too?
or OOooh! Will she be there too?
or OOooh! Will I get one too?
or OOooh! Will she have one too?
or OOooh! I can do that too.
or OOooh! I want some too.
or OOooh! Let's go there too.
or OOooh! We're going there too.
or OOooh! Tom wants one too.

THE PAPA TOO RULE: If you can substitute either the word **so** or **also** for one of the "tooze" and it makes sense (at least grammatically), then spell the word with the extra o, **too**.

MAMA TWO has a **W** in the middle of her name.

W stands for **woman**

Woman has **two** syllables.

We walk on **two** legs.

It may not be right, but **two** comes after **one**. And in normal speech **one** comes before **two**, and **men** come before **women**. **Mama TWO** is a **Woman**. And though she comes after **Papa**, **Mama TWO** is proud and like the **AVIS** ad, **Mama TWO** tries harder because she has been put into a number **TWO** position.

The **MAMA TWO** rule: If you can substitute any number for one of the "**TOOZE**" and it makes sense, at least gramatically, then it must be **MAMA TWO**.

BABY to:

Little BABY to is small.

Little BABY to has one less letter than
the other TOOZE, PAPA TOO
and MAMA TWO

Little BABY to has such a small voice that when he
says his name it sounds like "uh" as in:

SOUNDS LIKE:

BUT WE SPELL IT:

We're gonna win.

We're going to win.

Yuh wanna bet?

Do you want to bet?

Do I hafta go?

Do I have to go?

THE BABY to RULE: If the word isn't important enough to
be sounded BIG as PAPA TOO or MAMA TWO, if you can't
substitute SO, ALSO (TOO) or any number (TWO), then it
has to be BABY to.

EXERCISES: Write the correct spelling of the "TOOZE" in the blanks provided.

These exercises can be used as:

1. Individual seat exercises.
2. Group "Let's everybody do it together. When we disagree we argue it out as to who is right and why.
3. Teacher-directed, student self-corrected, let's do them together and correct them as we go. one after the other.

Students can be challenged to create exercises such as these:

THE "TOOZE" will be written incorrectly as "tu" or as it sounds in normal sloppy speech. Your job is to correctly spell the words.

If it isn't ("tu") _____ hot, we "wanna" _____
take the "tu" _____ boys out to the park to see
the "tu" _____-headed cow that is "tu" _____ ugly
"tu" _____ describe.

The "tu" _____ girls wanted "tu" _____ go there
"tu" _____, if it wouldn't be "tu" _____ much bother.

The "tu" _____ of us believe that if it's "tu" _____
hard for a teacher "tu" _____ understand, then we
shouldn't "hafta" _____ do it.

Not only can students be challenged to create exercises such as the one on the preceding page, but they can also be challenged to create answer sheets for the exercises such as the following:

If it isn't ("tu") too (so) hot, we "wanna" want to
take the "tu" two (w2) boys out to the park to see
the "tu" two (w2) -headed cow that is "tu" too (so) ugly
"tu" to describe.

The "tu" two (w2) girls wanted "tu" to go there
"tu" too (also), if it wouldn't be "tu" too (so) much bother.

The "tu" two (w2) of us believe that if it's "tu" too (so)
hard for a teacher "tu" to understand. then we
shouldn't "hafta" have to do it.

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