

## Errors in the use of nouns and verbs: exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate noun or verb.

1. Be careful not to ..... your money.

lose

loose

2. Have they ..... this box?

weighed

weighted

3. Mathematics ..... not easy to learn.

is

are

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4. You have to learn this .....  
by heart.

poem

poetry

5. When she entered her room, she saw her books  
lying on the .....

floor

ground

6. Which is the ..... to the  
railway station?

road

street

7. Are you ..... in this

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program?

interesting

interested

8. She sometimes ..... purple shoes.

wears

puts on

9. There ..... a lot of apples on the tree.

is

are

10. What ..... eat?

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do cows

cows

## Answers

1. Be careful not to lose your money. (Loose is an adjective. It is the opposite of tight. Lose is a verb.)
2. Have they weighed this box?
3. Mathematics is not easy to learn. (Nouns like *mathematics*, *physics*, *economics* and *politics* are singular in number.)
4. You have to learn this poem by heart.
5. When she entered her room, she saw her books lying on the floor. (Ground means the solid surface of the earth. The lower surface of the room on which one walks is called the floor.)
6. Which is the road to the railway station? (Street does not quite mean the same as road. Street means a road with houses, shops etc., on either or both side of it.)
7. Are you interested in this program?
8. She sometimes wears purple shoes. ('To put on clothes' refers to the act of dressing. Once the act of dressing is over, we use the verb 'to wear' to express the act of carrying clothes on the body.)
9. There are a lot of apples on the tree.
10. What do cows eat?