

Than: a comparison

Even at the age of twelve she was taller **than** I.

She is a better singer **than** he.

Tillamook cheese is much better **than** Kraft.

Then: a description of time

I want to go to a restaurant **then** to the party.

I loved the movie *Notting Hill*, but **then**, I love sappy movies.

Then, out of nowhere, she started to dance.

Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The Anasazi left more (than, then) one artifact behind at Mesa Verde.
2. The tiny, determined ant collected more food (than, then) the grasshopper.
3. We will eat, and (than, then) we will go to school.
4. Jordan drew an outline of the flower and (than, then) colored it red.
5. That boy is crazier (than, then) I am about Harry Potter.
6. If there'll be more sales after Christmas, I'll go shopping (than, then).
7. Turn off the light and (than, then) go to bed.
8. The storm caused the high tide to rise 15 feet higher (than, then) normal.
9. Jane adds better (than, then) Frank.
10. Hank and Debbie paced the floor in silence, and (than, then) both began to talk at once.

Already is an adverb meaning *as early as this, previously, or by the same time.*

We had already (previously) finished the job.

At the age of four, Bridgette is already (as early as this) reading.

All ready means *completely ready.*

We are all ready (completely ready) to go to the movies.

Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. After attending one class, I am (already, all ready) tired.
2. My family was finally (already, all ready).
3. (Already, All ready) Jane is bored with her new boyfriend.
4. We hurried to the bus stop, but the bus had (already, all ready) left.
5. The dogs have (already, all ready) been taken to the vet.
6. The clothes are (already, all ready) to be washed.
7. Is everyone (already, all ready) for the big test?
8. Has everyone (already, all ready) left?
9. Bob was (already, all ready) in the car by the time Diane called.
10. I had (already, all ready) thought of that.