

The Proper Use of Loose/Lose

1. Loose – adj. A. Not tight, not fully fastened, not completely closed or locked.
(Loose rhymes with moose and goose)
- The top of this jar is loose.
 - The loose screw was rattling loudly.
2. Lose – verb
 lose lost lost
- A. To be unable to find something.
(Lose rhymes with news.)
- I always lose my place when I read quickly.
 - He did not want to lose his money through the hole in his pocket.
- B. Not to win a game
- Our coach thinks we will lose our next game.
- C. To “lose” one’s temper or “lose” one’s cool

Fill in the blank with loose or lose:

1. The _____ hub cap flew off the tire when the car turned the corner.
2. The long red scarf was very _____ around the girl’s neck.
3. The young rock fan did not want to _____ this chance to speak to the famous singing star.
4. I kept turning the jar top until it became _____.
5. I always hate to _____ something that I’ll need in the future.
6. It’s not whether you win or _____ but how you play the game.
7. My dancing teacher told me I should be _____ and relaxed.
8. In World War II it was said that _____ lips sink ships.
9. I stopped arguing with my dad when I saw that he was beginning to _____ his temper.
10. If the top of your pen is _____, you may _____ it.