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Less vs. Fewer

The words **less** and **fewer** are easy to mix up. Here are some simple rules to help keep these words straight.

LESS

- Use **less** with things that CANNOT be counted individually, like love or air. Also use it when referring to time, money, and distance.

I should eat less sugar.

I have less trouble with multiplication than with decimals.

I have less than \$10 in my wallet.

FEWER

- Use **fewer** with items that CAN be counted, like books or potatoes.

I should eat fewer donuts.

I completed fewer division problems than Rachel did.

Fewer than 10 people showed up.

Directions: Write the correct word—*less* or *fewer*—in each blank below.

1. There are _____ than 2,000 giant pandas left in the wild.
2. I hope the show costs _____ than \$20.
3. We had _____ snow last winter than we had the year before.
4. _____ people read newspapers today than in the past.
5. The train station is _____ than two miles from here.
6. Tara scored _____ goals than Jane in last week's soccer game.
7. Because of the drought, I've had _____ success growing vegetables in my garden this year than usual.

Directions: Write one sentence using *less* and one sentence using *fewer*.

8. _____

9. _____
