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Then vs. Than

The words **then** and **than** are often confused and misused. Here's what you need to know to use them correctly.

Then is used to describe time. It can mean "next" or "at that time."

Examples:

First wash your hands, then set the table.

My life was a lot simpler back then.

Then is also used in if/then statements.

Example:

If you don't finish that burger, then I will!

Than is used to make a comparison.

Examples:

Simon is older than Sebastian.

Other than soccer practice, I have no plans for the weekend.

I would rather have pizza than pasta.

Directions: Underline the correct boldface word in each sentence.

1. Luis saw his first violin concert when he was 3 years old. Since **than/then**, he has been fascinated by stringed instruments.
2. Rachel would rather eat 20 pieces of broccoli **than/then** touch a single green bean.
3. Finish your homework, **than/then** we can go for a bike ride.
4. "Fluffy, no!" Mrs. Hall scolded, scooping up the cat. "You know better **than/then** to walk on the kitchen table."
5. Pete found that getting up an hour earlier was easier said **than/then** done.
6. "Don't forget," Sheena called, "we're meeting at the museum at five o'clock. I'll see you **than/then**!"
7. My little brother knows much more about Star Wars **than/then** I do.

Directions: For each line below, combine the sentences into a single sentence using the word **then** or **than**.

8. Sam ran fast. Ashley ran faster.

9. Put a half cup of flour in a bowl. Add two eggs and stir until smooth.

10. I like playing baseball. I would rather play soccer.
