

Look at those **two** ants. Are they on their way **to** our picnic basket? If we don't move it now, it will be **too** late!

Which boldfaced word means "in the direction of"? to

Which boldfaced word names a number? two

Which boldfaced word means "very"? too

The words **to**, **too**, and **two** sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. *To* can be a preposition that means "in the direction of." *To* can also be used with a verb to form an *infinitive*, as in the sentence *We like to watch ants.* *Too* is an adverb and means "also" or "very." *Two* means the number 2.

See Handbook Section 30

Part 1

Circle the word in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence. (1–12)

There are many kinds of ants, each with its own way of gathering food. (^{1 2 3}To/^{1 2 3}Too/^{1 2 3}Two) kinds that fascinate me are army ants and leaf-cutter ants. Dairying ants are interesting, (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two).

Army ants hunt other insects and spiders for food. They sometimes kill larger animals, (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two). Army ant colonies can have up (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) several million members. They march in narrow columns across the land or through underground tunnels. The ants work as a group (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) bite and kill their prey. Some species alternate between periods of hunting and periods of rest. Each period may last for (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) or more weeks.

Leaf-cutter ants work hard for their food, (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two), but they don't hunt other animals. Leaf-cutter ants are farmers. These ants use their powerful jaws (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) cut pieces of leaves from plants. They carry the leaves (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) their underground nests, where other workers chew the leaves into a soft paste. The ants grow their food, a kind of fungus, on the leaf paste. Tens of thousands of ants live in one leaf-cutter colony, and each has a job (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) do.

Dairying ants are similar (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) human farmers. They eat a liquid called honeydew that is produced by aphids. When the ants stroke the aphids with their antennae, the aphids produce drops of honeydew. The process is similar (^{1 2 3}to/^{1 2 3}too/^{1 2 3}two) the way dairy farmers milk cows.