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## Than vs. Then

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

**Than** is used when you're making a comparison.

**Examples:**

*Simon is older than Sebastian.*

*Emily's video got more than 12 million views.*

The phrase **other than** is used to mean "except" or "apart from."

**Example:**

*Other than soccer practice, I have no plans.*

**Then** is used to when you're talking about 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!*

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**Directions:** Underline the correct boldface word in each sentence.

1. Luis saw his first violin concert when he was 3. 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. There was no one in the room other **than/then** Marc.
8. My little brother knows much more about Star Wars **than/then** I do.
9. If this is a scary movie, **than/then** I don't want to see it.

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**Directions:** Combine each pair of sentences below into a single sentence using **than** or **then**.

10. Sam ran fast. Ashley ran faster.
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11. Put a half cup of flour in a bowl. Add two eggs and stir until smooth.
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12. I like playing baseball. I would rather play soccer.
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