**Commonly Confused Words: Than or Then**

**"Then" has an element of time. For example, it can mean "next" or "at that time."**

* We ate and *then* we went to the movies.
* Movies were a lot cheaper back *then*.

**"Than" conveys a comparison.**

* DVDs are more expensive *than* videocassettes.
* Aardvark is taller *than* Squiggly.

**Tip**:  Both "than" and "comparison" have the letter "a" in them, and "then" and "time" both have the letter "e."

Fill in the blanks using **than** or **then**. 

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1. Did you get more presents   he did?  
  
2. I went for a swim and   I jogged down the coast.  
  
3. I would rather read a book   watch TV.  
  
4. First Ted had a cup of tea.   he worked on his novel.  
  
5. His friend is coming for dinner. I'd better get some extra bread  .  
  
6. Arnold went to the bank   the store.  
  
7. This lightbulb is more energy efficient   that one.  
  
8. First I'll talk about taxes.   I'll move on to politics.  
  
9. Are you older   that guy?  
  
10. If you give me $5,   I'll have enough to buy that T-shirt.

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