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Been and Being

Word	Been	Being
Definition	• **past** participle of the verb "to be" • one-syllable and rhymes with tin	• **present** participle of the verb "to be" • two-syllable and rhymes with meaning

Been suggests a time before the subject of the sentence.
- Example: How long has it **been**?
- Example: Matthew has **been** to that restaurant already.
- Example: I've never **been** late to class.

Being suggest the same time as the subject of the sentence.
- Example: The students were **being** loud in the library, so they were asked to leave.
- Example: Spanish courses are **being** offered at Austin Peay State University.
- Example: Those films are **being** made now.

Choose, Chose, and Choice

Word	Choice	Choose	Chose
Definition	a **noun** that refers to the act of selecting something	**present** verb tense of the noun choice	**past** verb tense of the noun choice

Choice is a decision made that is used as a subject in a sentence.
- Example: You always have a **choice**.
- Example: The green skirt was a great **choice**.
- Example: Garrett has to make a **choice** between French and German classes.

Choose is the present tense verb form of the word "choice" (making a decision).
- rhymes with snooze.
  - Example: I **choose** Georgina and Sam for my group project.
  - Example: What would you **choose**?
  - Example: Make sure you **choose** the time zone that applies to your exact location.

Chose is the past tense verb form of the word "choice" (a decision made).
- rhymes with lose.
  - Example: Last winter, I **chose** not to go on vacation.
  - Example: She **chose** to pursue a career in law.
  - Example: I wonder why they **chose** this spot.

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