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Does and Dose

Word	Does	Dose
Definition	to perform (an action, the precise nature of which is often unspecified).	a quantity of a medicine taken or recommended to be taken at a particular time

Does is the verb form of do and is defined as the process of performing a task.

- Is an **auxiliary verb** used to form questions or negatives.
 - Example: What **does** he do for work?
 - Example: Tarrah **does** her homework as soon as she gets home.
 - Example: **Does** it work properly?

Dose is the noun defined as a quantity of a medicine taken or recommended to be taken at a particular time.

- Example: Francis took a **dose** of cough medicine before bed.
- Example: My doctor prescribed me a **dose** of vitamins.

Loose and Lose

Word	Loose	Lose
Definition	not firmly or tightly fixed in place; detached or able to be detached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to misplace or become unable to find (something or someone) • the opposite of win

Loose is defined as something that is not firmly or tightly fixed in place; detached or able to be detached.

- Example: My shoelaces are **loose**.
- Example: There's a wild dog running **loose** in the street.
- Example: The button is **loose** on my shirt.

Lose is defined as the act of misplacing or being unable to find something or someone.

- Example: I win, you **lose**!
- Example: She had no time to **lose**, but must get ready at once.
- Example: The football team did not **lose** any games last season.



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