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COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS HOMOPHONES or HOMONYMS

Circle the proper form of the homophone in this story about Doug Swingley and his experience in the 2004 Iditarod.

While on the Iditarod trail, mushers and dogs face a variety of (weather whether) conditions. It can be very snowy, cold and windy out (there their they're) on the trail. Mushers must make decisions about gear for (their there they're) dogs and gear for themselves. (There They're Their) responsible for the wellbeing of (their there they're) dogs as well as (there their they're) own safety as they cover the 1049 miles from Anchorage to Nome.

In 2004 when Doug Swingley went (through threw) the Dalzell Gorge, a very dangerous and challenging section of trail, he had to make a decision about (whether weather) or not (to two too) (wear where) his goggles. They were fogging up (do due) (to two too) the very cold (weather whether). Doug had (to two too) see (where wear) he was going so he took his goggles off and (through threw) them into the sled bag. Unfortunately, the temperature was (to two too) cold and the corneas in Doug's eyes froze. His vision was seriously impaired. He was a danger (to two too) himself and his dogs. Doug had (to too two) choices. He could continue on (to two too) Nome or he could withdraw from the Iditarod. He traveled (to too two) checkpoints further hoping that his eye (sight site cite) would improve. When it did not, Doug decided it was (to too two) risky to continue. Wisely Doug withdrew never to (know no) (whether weather) he might have won the 2004 Iditarod.

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HOMOPHONES

Homophones are commonly confused words that sound alike but are spelled differently. Below is a list of words that are homophones. Fill in the blanks with words that sound exactly like the word shown but are spelled differently and have a different meaning. Using the Iditarod as your subject, write a sentence using each homophone. When you've completed this list begin making a list of your own.

Example: No and know

No, Robert Sorlie the 2003 Iditarod Champion did not compete in 2004 but he is signed up for 2005.

I know that the Iditarod begins in Anchorage and finishes in Nome.

It's and _____

Wear and _____

There, _____ and _____

To, _____ and _____

Your and _____

Weather and _____

So and _____

Through and _____