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examples: Bobby holds onto to his teddy bear tightly so he does not **lose** it.

The children will be disappointed if they **lose** the soccer game.



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4. "Keep all your assignments in your notebook so you don't _____ any of your work," advised Mrs. McGee.
5. Tamara watched the horses run _____ in the pasture.
6. "Win or _____, being a good sport is the most important thing," said Coach Brown.
7. Watch the clock so that you don't _____ track of time.
8. The wheel fell off of the wagon because the bolts were _____.
9. Please carefully shut the cage door so that the hamster doesn't get _____.
10. I taped a big blue flower on the end of my pencil because I didn't want to _____ it.

ANSWER KEY

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