

## March 27

In my house there is an office instead of a dining room. My family always eats in the kitchen so we figured a dining room would be lost space in the house. In the office room my sister and I do most of our homework. On a school day the table would be filled with <sup>(tight)</sup> **loose** papers. On the wall are three bookshelves with all kinds of books. Some of the books are so old that they have <sup>(tight)</sup> **loose** pages. Other books that my parents bought <sup>(tight)</sup> decades ago have interesting marks and bookmarks. I once found a **loose**-leaf paper with a grocery list in a book. On another wall is a large dry-erase board. One of the screws of <sup>(tight)</sup> the board was so **loose** <sup>(tight)</sup> that it fell over. Well, I just wrote the word **loose** five times!

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