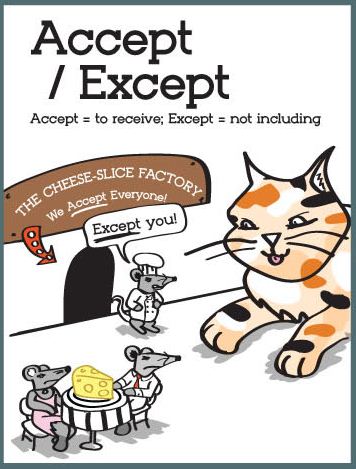
**Accept vs. Except**

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It means ‘to agree with something’ or ‘to receive something’.

E.g.: The shop will only **accept** the returned items within 30 days.

**Except**

This means ‘not including’.

E.g. All prime numbers, **except** 2 and 5, end in 1, 3, 7 or 9.

Complete the following sentences with ‘accept’ or ‘except’.

1. Please \_\_\_\_\_ these flowers as a token of apology.
2. All the girls played netball \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mary.
3. The whole class remembered choir \_\_\_\_\_ Paul.
4. It will cure anything \_\_\_\_\_ laziness!
5. His mum could not \_\_\_\_\_\_ the job as it was too far away.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_*ed* the award with great pride.
7. I can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_ your invitation. We will be on holiday.
8. I have nothing to declare \_\_\_\_\_ my genius. (Oscar Wilde)
9. Move all the furniture, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the piano.

10. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your apology, thank you.

Answers: 1. Accept 2. Except 3.except 4. Except 5. Accep t 6. Accepted 7. Accept 8. Except 9. Except 10 accept

**Extension Task:**

**Explain what’s wrong with the following images and recommend a way for each person to correct their mistake.**

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