

## CRAZY ENGLISH SPELLING

English spelling can make pronunciation confusing for those trying to learn English because it doesn't follow the International Phonetics Alphabet (IPA) rules. Here are some examples of crazy spelling. The IPA clue can help you pronounce the missing word properly:

1. They were too \_\_\_\_\_ (**k'os'**) to the door to  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**k'oz'**) it.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (**wind'**) was too strong for us to  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**waind'**) the sail.
3. I shed a \_\_\_\_\_ (**ti:r'**) upon seeing the \_\_\_\_\_ (**te:r'**) in  
the painting.
4. The soldier chose to \_\_\_\_\_ (**di-zɜrt'**) his \_\_\_\_\_ (**di-zɜrt'**)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ (**dez'-ərt'**).

ANSWERS: 1) close, close 2) wind, wind 3) tear, tear 4) desert, dessert, desert

