

teaching math.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since people can buy tapes, compact discs and videos, which cover everything from Shakespeare to carpentry, do you think it's necessary to continue teaching people how to read?

SENATOR WITEK: Senator, I don't even have to buy them, I can go to my public library and get just about any tape, video, CD, anything I need to have access to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So do you think it's necessary to continue teaching people to read, since all these alternatives are available?

SENATOR WITEK: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since there are typewriters and wordprocessors which will correct spelling, do you think it's necessary to teach people to spell?

SENATOR WITEK: I guess my point is if we have access in another source do we need to provide so many sources publicly funded, that's my argument.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Witek, now you know there are different ways to spell words that sound the same. Okay, what does t-o spell?

SENATOR WITEK: I'm sorry, what does...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What does t-o spell?

SENATOR WITEK: To.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What was t-w-o spell?

SENATOR WITEK: Two.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What was t-w-a-i-n...

SENATOR WITEK: How do you spell potato? (Laugh.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What does t-w-a-i-n spell?