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 __________ (waɪnd’) the sail.

3. I shed a __________ (ti:r’) upon seeing the __________ (te:r’) in the painting.

4. The soldier chose to __________ (dɪ-zər’) his __________ (dɪ-zər’) in the __________ (dɛz’-ər’).

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