



COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

I Complete the sentences using each verb once in the correct tense.

1. miss / lose
a) You'll have to hurry or you'll _____ the train.
b) I _____ my bag. I think I left it on the bus.
2. teach / learn
a) My brother _____ me to play football.
b) I _____ a lot of Spanish when I visited Madrid.
3. borrow / lend
a) Can you _____ me some money, please?
b) Can I _____ your pencil, please?
4. book / hire
a) It's a good idea to _____ a room as it's a popular hotel.
b) My parents are going to _____ a car because our house is a long way from the beach.
5. lay / lie
a) Nick had taken off his coat and _____ it across the arm of the chair.
b) Go and _____ on the bed until you feel better.
6. impress / express
a) Jane _____ her interviewer so much that she was offered the job immediately.
b) Some people find it difficult to _____ their emotions.
7. inspire / expire
a) I'm afraid your passport has _____ so you can't board the plane.
b) Adam's teacher _____ him to take up a career in music.

II Match the word to its definition, a or b

- career / job
a) work that you do regularly to earn money _____
b) a series of jobs in a particular area of work _____
2. humour / laughter
a) what makes something funny or amusing _____
b) sounds made to show you something is funny _____
3. habit / custom
a) something done regularly _____
b) a tradition or accepted way of doing something _____
4. intention / purpose
a) what you plan to do _____
b) reason for doing something _____
5. scenery/view
a) a personal opinion, belief, or attitude about a particular subject _____
b) the natural features of an area: valleys, rivers, mountains, forests... _____
6. couple / pair
a) two things of the same type that belong together _____
b) two people who are married or involved in a romantic relationship with each other _____