

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-H below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A

job

occupation

work

employment

profession

- 1 People in the medical _____ work long hours.
- 2 In order to get a(n) _____ as a computer analyst, you need a degree in computer science.
- 3 Betty has been out of _____ since January.
- 4 _____ agencies help people find work in their field.
- 5 I was asked to write my present _____ on the application form.

B

task

course

duty

- 1 They were set the _____ of cleaning the room after the meeting.
- 2 It is a nurse's _____ to make the patients feel comfortable.
- 3 Her marks are quite high, so she can choose between a medical or a law _____ at university.

C

employer

employee

colleague

assistant

clerk

officer

attendant

- 1 The shop _____ helped me choose a jumper that suited me.
- 2 The car park _____ is responsible for parking customers' cars.
- 3 All _____ are expected to be at work by 8.30. Our _____ insists on it.
- 4 Jill worked as a(n) _____ for a law firm before entering politics.
- 5 All my _____ at the office are friendly.
- 6 Bob is a senior _____ in the armed forces.

D

party

crew

staff

party

- 1 A member of a political _____ gave a speech in the town centre last night.
- 2 The teaching _____ at our school have formed a basketball team.
- 3 The search _____ had no luck in finding the missing child.
- 4 The ship's _____ served drinks as the ship set sail.

E

aim

goal

intention

challenge

success

ambition

- 1 The Maths problem was a(n) _____ and took me over an hour to solve.
- 2 The _____ of environmental organisations is to stop environmental destruction.
- 3 People with _____ will always try to achieve their _____.
- 4 Their first album was a great _____ and sold two million copies worldwide.
- 5 I have no _____ of changing my plans for tonight.

F

achieve

fulfil

cope

deal

face

succeed

- 1 John _____ in convincing his boss to give him the day off.
- 2 He doesn't _____ with crisis situations very well.
- 3 Despite his health problems, Joe _____ his ambition to play in the local football team.
- 4 The Johnstons are _____ financial difficulties after Mrs Johnston lost her job.
- 5 Kim put a lot of work into her project and _____ excellent results.
- 6 During his career as a teacher, he has _____ with students from different backgrounds.

G

manage

run

operate

undertake

- 1 You have to read the instructions carefully before you _____ the photocopying machine.
- 2 Brett couldn't find experienced staff so he _____ his business on his own for a few months.
- 3 Kate was supposed to _____ the training of the new staff.
- 4 The company is _____ by two people who share the responsibilities.

H

skills

qualities

qualifications

experience

- 1 To get the job you must have three years' _____ in telecommunications and the necessary _____, one of which is a university degree.
- 2 Leadership _____ are required by a Prime Minister, as well as communication _____.
- 3 Learning to windsurf was a fantastic _____ !