

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

rise raise arise lift

- 1 Should the need _____, we'll order more food for the extra guests.
- 2 The charity organisation _____ enough money to build a shelter for the refugees.
- 3 The sun _____ in the East and sets in the West.
- 4 We _____ at seven every weekday to get ready for school.
- 5 Can you _____ the table so that I can slide the rug underneath?

B

grow grow up bring up (be) born become

- 1 In the last six months Joe has _____ taller by 15 centimetres.
- 2 When Brett was _____, he weighed 3.8 kilograms.
- 3 Most parents have fond memories of the years they were _____ their children.
- 4 When Jean _____, she wants to _____ a mechanical engineer.

C

educate learn teach study read instruct

- 1 I always _____ a book just before I go to sleep.
- 2 John was _____ in France, so his French is very good.
- 3 Michelle works in the gym _____ people how to use the equipment properly.
- 4 In my final year I had to _____ at least four hours every day to _____ everything that was required for the exams.
- 5 I _____ Physics and Maths at the local high school.
- 6 The examiner _____ us to pick up our pens once we had _____ the questions carefully.

D

behaviour attitude temper mood manner manners

- 1 My parents had to see the headmaster because of my bad _____ in class.
- 2 After the argument, Jake was in a bad _____ and wouldn't speak to anyone.
- 3 If Betty wants to keep her job, she must change her _____ towards her boss.
- 4 Where did you learn such excellent table _____ ?
- 5 The children like him because of his gentle _____.
- 6 Cliff is so calm that I have never seen him lose his _____.
- 7 What you're saying should be done in a professional _____.

E

familiar accustomed aware

- 1 I hope you're _____ of the dangers involved in rock climbing.
- 2 Is anyone in this classroom _____ with the word "incubator"?
- 3 That woman looks _____ to me. I'm sure I've seen her before.
- 4 Paul is feeling tired because he's not _____ to working for so long without a break.

F

custom habit fashion trend routine

- 1 Going to work has become a daily _____ for most people.
- 2 The general _____ for men in the 1970s was to have long hair and sideburns.
- 3 In many countries it is the _____ to roast turkey for Christmas.
- 4 Sandra has the bad _____ of biting her nails.
- 5 Slightly flared trousers are in _____ this year so many people are wearing them.
- 6 If you go shopping, definitely go to Blare's. They've got all the latest _____.

G

common ordinary usual normal regular

- 1 It is _____ to feel weak when you are ill, even if you've just got a _____ cold.
- 2 _____ exercise means working out for one hour at least twice a week.
- 3 It was a(n) _____ weekend. We went to the cinema on Saturday evening and for a drive on Sunday morning, as _____.
- 4 I get on very well with my friends because we have many things in _____.

H

eager keen enthusiastic interested willing

- 1 I am _____ to help you with your homework if you make an effort.
- 2 He's really _____ on heavy metal music. That's all he listens to.
- 3 Please sit down as I'm _____ to start the meeting.
- 4 Billy is a(n) _____ tennis player, so he plays tennis every afternoon.
- 5 Sheila is _____ in taking up gardening this spring.
- 6 We were _____ about going to Ireland for Christmas.