

## Words easily confused

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1	say tell speak talk	<p>a He ..... <i>said</i> ..... he was going out but he didn't ..... <i>tell</i> ..... me where.</p> <p>b Actions ..... louder than words.</p> <p>c You're ..... nonsense again. Stop ..... lies and start ..... the truth.</p> <p>d What language were they ..... ? I can't ..... the difference between German and Dutch.</p> <p>e Sheila ..... us some marvellous stories during her stay.</p>
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2	travel journey voyage trip	<p>a He's away on a business ..... at the moment.</p> <p>b Going on a long sea ..... was dangerous at one time.</p> <p>c The ..... will be shorter once they've completed the tunnel.</p> <p>d ..... is said to broaden the mind.</p>
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3	suggest recommend advise insist persuade	<p>a Do you think you can ..... her to lend you her car?</p> <p>b He ..... on staying at the most expensive hotel.</p> <p>c Her dietician ..... her to lose weight slowly.</p> <p>d Who ..... that you put your money in that bank?</p> <p>e Lawrence ..... we should leave on Friday night.</p>
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4	cost value price worth	<p>a The ..... of living has risen again.</p> <p>b It's ..... far more than I paid for it.</p> <p>c We can't afford a new washing machine at that .....</p> <p>d These rare stamps are of great .....</p>
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5	fault mistake error wrong blame defect	<p>a I have been sent two video cassettes in .....</p> <p>b It is often quite difficult to tell the difference between right and .....</p> <p>c According to her mother, she could do no .....</p> <p>d Try not to make so many .....</p> <p>e You can't put the ..... on me this time.</p> <p>f I invited her by .....</p> <p>g My employing her was a(n) ..... of judgement.</p> <p>h It's not my ..... you lost your wallet.</p> <p>i There was a ..... in one of the brakes.</p>
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6	client customer guest patient	<p>a The hotel ..... panicked when they heard the bomb go off.</p> <p>b There were only a few ..... waiting to see the doctor.</p> <p>c He's a well-known lawyer whose ..... include showbiz personalities.</p> <p>d In order to attract ....., the shop owner reduced his prices.</p>
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7	spend pass waste spare	<p>a How do you ..... your free time?</p> <p>b Don't ..... time! You've got a lot of work to do.</p> <p>c Can you ..... ten minutes to discuss the new security arrangements?</p> <p>d Time ..... quickly during the holidays.</p> <p>e She ..... a lot of time reading.</p>
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| 8  | audience<br>spectators<br>viewers<br>listeners<br>crowd<br>gang<br>member | <p>a The police had difficulty in controlling the ..... that had turned up to greet the team at the airport.</p> <p>b ..... will be able to take part in their favourite TV game show.</p> <p>c Radió 1 ..... should tune in at four o'clock for live commentary of the match.</p> <p>d The ..... thoroughly enjoyed the play.</p> <p>e Fewer than one thousand ..... saw the game.</p> <p>f Every ..... of the jury felt sorry for the defendant.</p> <p>g After the robbery, the ..... escaped in a stolen car.</p> |
| 9  | pitch<br>track<br>court<br>course                                         | <p>a It's one of the best golf ..... I've played on.</p> <p>b I'm afraid all the tennis ..... are booked.</p> <p>c The spectator who ran onto the ..... was removed from the football stadium by police.</p> <p>d Athletes enjoy running on ..... where the spectators are close to the action.</p> <p>e The new basketball ..... has been in use for a month now.</p>                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 | rob<br>steal<br>cheat<br>burgle                                           | <p>a Her flat has been ..... twice this year.</p> <p>b Nobody knows who ..... the video camera.</p> <p>c My business partner tried to ..... me out of my share of the profits.</p> <p>d Banks in Los Angeles are ..... quite frequently.</p> <p>e They ..... the elderly couple of their life savings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11 | grow<br>grow up<br>bring up                                               | <p>a Henrietta was ..... by her aunt.</p> <p>b These plants ..... fairly quickly.</p> <p>c We both ..... on a small island.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Preposition practice

7 Use the prepositions below only where necessary to complete the sentences which follow.

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- They accused me ..... *of* ..... dropping the plate ..... *on* ..... purpose.
- If you're ..... a hurry, don't go ..... foot.
- Nobody wanted to discuss ..... politics because nobody was interested ..... the subject.
- I complained ..... the manager ..... the quality ..... the video cassettes.
- Rosa told ..... me that she had no intention ..... apologising ..... what she had done.
- My friends laughed ..... me when I mistook a cow ..... a bull.
- Mike used to be keen ..... playing volleyball but now he's fed up ..... it.
- The box was full ..... stolen jewellery.
- They had a discussion ..... it ..... secret.
- Frank is getting engaged ..... Mary even though they have very little ..... common.

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<p>1</p> <p>fake false artificial imitation</p>	<p>a Jackets made of <i>imitation</i> leather are much cheaper than those made of genuine leather.</p> <p>b Put your ..... teeth in so I can understand what you're saying.</p> <p>c There was no fire. It was a(n) ..... alarm.</p> <p>d He lost his job when it was discovered that his diploma was a .....</p> <p>e If a runner is responsible for two ..... starts, he or she is disqualified.</p> <p>f Those flowers aren't real. They're .....</p> <p>g Old Mr Williams has a(n) ..... leg.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>succeed manage achieve fulfil able capable</p>	<p>a She ..... success very early in her career.</p> <p>b We ..... to complete the project in one week.</p> <p>c Robert never ..... the promise he showed as a young pianist.</p> <p>d He'd ..... most of his ambitions by middle age.</p> <p>e William ..... in discovering the truth.</p> <p>f Will you be ..... to take a day off work?</p> <p>g I'm quite ..... of doing it myself.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>chance possibility occasion opportunity bargain</p>	<p>a The offer of a job abroad was a golden ..... for me to make a fresh start.</p> <p>b The scarf was a ..... at £10.</p> <p>c What are the ..... of you getting a promotion?</p> <p>d It was a(n) ..... on which you could speak to your boss on equal terms.</p> <p>e We've got a problem to solve so let's look at the ..... , shall we?</p>
<p>4</p> <p>gain win earn beat</p>	<p>a I think we can ..... his team in the final.</p> <p>b She ..... some money on the horses.</p> <p>c The chairman is said to ..... about £25,000 a month.</p> <p>d Who ..... the match?</p> <p>e Sally's mother says she's not losing a daughter but ..... a son.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>miss lose forget leave</p>	<p>a We'll be late if we ..... the early train.</p> <p>b Have you ..... your book at home again?</p> <p>c I think I ..... to lock the door.</p> <p>d Could I borrow a pencil. I've ..... mine. It's in my other pencil case.</p> <p>e I can't find my sunglasses anywhere. I suppose I must have ..... them.</p>

6	reject deny refuse resist refrain	a How can he ..... losing the ring when he had it last. b Would visitors please ..... from smoking. c I ..... to help people who won't help themselves. d All my job applications have been ..... e Although the cakes looked delicious, I ..... the temptation to eat one.
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7	way path route manner	a Do you know the ..... to the cathedral? b If we go by the shortest ....., we'll get there by midday. c I enjoy walking along the ..... in Sherwood Forest. d She has such a charming ..... e I suppose that's one ..... to save money.
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8	origin supply source stock	a Nobody knows the ..... of the word. b I'll check to see if we have the CD in ..... c A journalist should never reveal his ..... d The country's oil ..... were cut off during the war. e Explorers couldn't find the ..... of the river.
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9	interval gap rest pause	a The dog must have escaped through a(n) ..... in the fence. b If you're tired, we can have a(n) ..... c The film was so bad that we left during the ..... d There are ..... in the cassette which give you time to practise your pronunciation.
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10	borrow hire rent lend	a Harold denied that I had ..... him the money. b We've ..... a villa for the whole summer. c If I were you, I wouldn't ..... money from anyone. d A surprisingly large number of people ..... private detectives.
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11	number amount range quantity extent	a You can choose from a wide ..... of books at this shop. b It's quality not ..... that is important. c He has a large ..... of foreign stamps in his collection. d I agree with you to some ..... but we differ on a few points. e They have a large ..... of money in a Swiss bank account.
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