

Confusing Words

Choose the correct word.

1. ACCEPT / EXCEPT

1. I offered her an apology, but she wouldn't _____ it.
2. The museum is open daily _____ Mondays.
3. Everyone was there _____ for Sally.
4. The new telephones will _____ coins of any denomination.

2. ADVICE / ADVISE

1. I _____ you to see a doctor.
2. She didn't listen to her father's _____.
3. I'm very grateful to you for your _____.
4. I really don't know what to _____.

3. AFFECT / EFFECT

1. The punishment had no _____ on him. As soon as he left the prison he began to steal again.
2. The new taxes will _____ the rich. They'll have to pay more.
3. The higher bus fares won't _____ me. I have a car.
4. The medicine had an immediate _____. I felt better at once.

4 BESIDE / BESIDES

1. There is not much to do _____ setting the table.
2. There was a small table _____ the bed.
3. _____ Peter and me, who else is coming to your party tonight ?
4. Sarah was _____ herself with joy, when Tom proposed to her.
5. It was too late to go to the cinema. _____, I was too busy.

5 BRING / TAKE / FETCH

1. Can you _____ me to the station, please ?
2. You can _____ your wife to our party.
3. This glass has been used - please _____ me a clean one.
4. Can you _____ some milk when you come home ?
5. She _____ the dogs for a walk every morning.
6. He _____ another chair from the dining room.

6 DESERT / DESSERT

1. He _____ed his wife and family for another woman.
2. If you make the main course, I'll make a _____.
3. Banyuls is an excellent _____ wine.
4. They were lost in the Sahara _____ for several days.

7. ECONOMIC / ECONOMICAL

1. It's not very _____ to leave the lights on when you're not in the room.
2. Because of the recent strikes, the _____ situation of the country is very bad.
3. She's an economist. She's an expert in _____ matters.
4. It's a very _____ car. It uses very little petrol.

8. LEARN / TEACH / STUDY

1. His mother _____ at the university in Oxford.
2. You have to _____ to listen to your inner voice.
3. Your English will improve a lot, if you _____ every day.
4. Can you please _____ me how to make a cake ?
5. She wants to _____ how to swim.

9. LEND / BORROW

1. I can _____ you my car for the weekend.
2. She used to _____ money and not bother to pay it back.
3. He _____ a novel from the library.
4. He doesn't like _____ing his books.

10. LOOK / WATCH / SEE

1. There is a scary man outside _____ing my house.
2. I can't _____ any fruit juice in the fridge.
3. He _____ed at his daughter with pride in his eyes.
4. She was _____ out of the window.
5. Football is very popular and many people go and _____ matches on Sunday.
6. Did you _____ the advert in the newspaper ?

11. RIDE / DRIVE

1. Can I _____ with you ? I don't have a car.
2. The _____ to my parents' house takes 20 minutes.
3. Most children like to _____ on trains.
4. Can you _____ ? I'm too tired.

12. RISE / RAISE

1. He _____ed his voice in anger.
2. The sun _____ in the East.
3. The host was very friendly. He _____ to welcome us.
4. We were born and _____ in New York.

13. THEN / THAN

1. We sold more products _____ we did last year.
2. This project is more challenging _____ I thought.
3. If he is sick, _____ you will have to go to the meeting.
4. Do your homework, _____ you can play.