

# Confusing Words

Choose the correct word.

## 1 ALLOW / LET

1. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ me go? All my friends are going.
2. I would not \_\_\_\_\_ a child to have a TV or a computer in their room.
3. We don't \_\_\_\_\_ employees use the office telephone for personal calls.
4. How much time do you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to get ready in the morning?

## 2 ANCESTOR / DESCENDANT / PREDECESSOR

1. Kennedy's \_\_\_\_\_ as president was the war hero Dwight Eisenhower.
2. There were portraits of his \_\_\_\_\_ on the walls of the room.
3. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Queen Victoria.
4. He returned to Ireland, where his mother's \_\_\_\_\_ lived.
5. We owe it to our \_\_\_\_\_ to leave them a clean world to live in.
6. My \_\_\_\_\_ worked in this job for twelve years.

## 3 DISCOVER / INVENT

1. Was it Graham Bell who \_\_\_\_\_ the telephone?
2. Was it Christophorus Columbus who \_\_\_\_\_ America?
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ that her husband was having an affair.
4. He has \_\_\_\_\_ a wholly factitious story about his past.

## 4 EATABLE / EDIBLE

1. Only leaves of the plant are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My friend is not good at cooking but it is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Are these mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Raw meat is \_\_\_\_\_ but yet not \_\_\_\_\_ until it has been cooked.

## 5 FELL / FELT

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the side of the kettle to see if it was still hot.
2. He always \_\_\_\_\_ himself inferior to his brothers.
3. When the teacher walked in, the children's voices \_\_\_\_\_ to a whisper.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs and injured my back.
5. He was so rude I \_\_\_\_\_ like slapping his face.
6. The audience was still laughing as the curtain \_\_\_\_\_.

## 6 LAST / LATEST / LATTER

1. You can go there either by plane or train. The \_\_\_\_\_ costs less.
2. The next meeting will be held in the \_\_\_\_\_ week in June.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ film is one of the funniest he's ever made.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ version of their graphics package was handed out today.
5. Total profit was £550 million in the \_\_\_\_\_ half of 2003.
6. I swear this is the \_\_\_\_\_ cigarette I will ever smoke.

## 7 RELATION / RELATIONSHIP

1. Studies show that there is a strong \_\_\_\_\_ between income and mental health.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ between China and the United States are tense at the moment.
3. How is your \_\_\_\_\_ with your father?
4. All our friends and \_\_\_\_\_ came to our wedding.

## 8 BEAT / WIN

1. No matter who \_\_\_\_\_ the war, there will be heavy casualties on both sides.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ the poor horse, but it couldn't go any faster.
3. I'm not very good at chess. He always \_\_\_\_\_ me.
4. I have never \_\_\_\_\_ any money on the lottery.

## 9 CLASSIC / CLASSICAL

1. Do you prefer \_\_\_\_\_ music like Mozart and Bach, or pop?
2. The show is a \_\_\_\_\_ example of TV made for children.
3. She was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ dark blue skirt.
4. I love the \_\_\_\_\_ lines of her dress designs.

## 10 CONTINUAL / CONTINUOUS

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ humming of bees outside my window.
2. I've had \_\_\_\_\_ problems with this car ever since I bought it.
3. My computer makes a \_\_\_\_\_ low buzzing noise.
4. In the end, it was the \_\_\_\_\_ drinking that destroyed him.

## 11 EMPLOYEE / EMPLOYER

1. All the \_\_\_\_\_ have asked for more money but I don't think the boss will give it to them.
2. The unions are negotiating with the \_\_\_\_\_ to get higher wages for the workers.
3. If any \_\_\_\_\_ needs to take time off, he should contact the Personnel Department.

I'm very lucky - I love my job and Geoff really is the ideal \_\_\_\_\_.

## 12 REMEMBER / REMIND

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ seeing him leave an hour ago.
2. I need the notes to \_\_\_\_\_ me what to say.
3. That song always \_\_\_\_\_ me of our holiday in Mexico.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I was really nervous on my first day at school.

## 13 ELECTRIC / ELECTRICAL

1. My brother is studying to be an \_\_\_\_\_ engineer.
2. We can warm up the room quite quickly with this \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ bill for July was £165.
4. There is a 20% discount on all \_\_\_\_\_ goods until the end of the week.