

Words easily confused

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

A borrow lend let hire rent

- 1 My friends and I _____ a car to travel around the island.
- 2 Can you _____ me some money? I'll pay you back on Friday.
- 3 Some of the rooms in the country house were _____ to tourists for the weekends.
- 4 I _____ money from the bank to buy a house.
- 5 My parents _____ a tutor to help me with Maths.
- 6 The first thing I did when I went to Crete was _____ a house by the sea.

B spend waste save afford

- 1 I have been _____ a lot of money lately on things I don't really need. I usually _____ all my income and don't _____ any money for a rainy day.
- 2 John _____ too much time on the computer and doesn't pay enough attention to his homework. Of course, he can't _____ to be _____ time, especially now that he's got exams.

C bill fare fee fine ticket receipt account discount tax

- 1 The _____ department expects all customers to get a _____ with every purchase they make, otherwise they will have to pay a(n) _____.
- 2 I had to complain to the telephone company about my extremely high phone _____, which I was not prepared to pay. In the end they gave me a(n) _____ and I paid less.
- 3 When he had his wallet stolen, he didn't have any money to pay for his bus _____.
- 4 I bought an airline _____ for Madrid with British Airways.
- 5 _____ is automatically withdrawn from my pay every month.
- 6 Most universities require that tuition _____ should be paid at the beginning of each academic year.
- 7 Sheila got a parking _____ for parking on the pavement.
- 8 My parents have a(n) _____ with the local shop and pay the amount they owe every month.

D salary wage payment income bonus allowance award reward donation

- 1 My _____ gets paid into my bank account every fortnight.
- 2 Steve's parents give him a weekly _____, which he can use any way he likes.
- 3 Some people give _____ to charity organisations.
- 4 Young workers under the age of 21 get the minimum _____ set by the law.
- 5 My _____ from my job isn't sufficient to cover my weekly expenses. Only when I get a(n) _____ as a(n) _____ for excellent results can I afford something special for myself.
- 6 Your car _____ are due on the 10th of each month.
- 7 I received a Young Achiever's _____ for getting the best exam score in the school.

E owe own possess keep belong

- 1 Who does this pen _____ to? If no one _____ it, then I'll _____ it.
- 2 Muhammad Ali _____ a lot of strength and speed in the ring.
- 3 They _____ their house, but still _____ some money to the bank.
- 4 He's _____ all his toys in a box in the attic.

F price prize charge value bargain worth tip

- 1 The National Lottery's main _____ was £ 2 million.
- 2 When eating out, it is advisable to leave a _____ for the waiter.
- 3 The thieves stole millions of dollars _____ of paintings from the gallery.
- 4 The _____ of our house has gone up since we renovated it.
- 5 That restaurant has very reasonable _____. It's certainly _____ for money and _____ visiting.
- 6 My new sofa was a real _____. I got it for half the price.
- 7 You can have the appliances delivered free of _____.

G precious valuable priceless worthless economic economical financial

- 1 Some of Picasso's paintings are _____. Only a billionaire could afford to buy them.
- 2 The police have been guarding the _____ stones on display at the gallery.
- 3 When Rose lost her job, she was in a difficult _____ situation for a while. It didn't help that she hadn't been _____ and not saved a penny while she was employed.
- 4 The country's _____ situation has improved ever since the development of the tourist industry.
- 5 Thank you for your _____ advice. You've helped me a great deal.
- 6 Julie gave away some of her fake jewellery because she thought it was _____ and just took up space.

H loan debt sum amount deposit instalment budget

- 1 We're on a tight _____ this month because we have many expenses. Our housing _____ and car _____ are due in the next few days.
- 2 He had parked illegally and was fined the _____ of £ 20.
- 3 Could you please tell me the exact _____ I owe?
- 4 Joan went to the bank because she wanted to make a(n) _____.
- 5 He has asked me to lend him money, as he is in _____.

I cheque cash coins currency (bank)notes change

- 1 When we arrived in Indonesia, we exchanged some of our money for local _____.
- 2 I must take all the _____ I've received as _____ to the bank and exchange them for _____ which are lighter.
- 3 When paying by _____, always write your address and sign the back of it.
- 4 I'm paying for the shoes in _____.