

## 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- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is automatically withdrawn from my pay every month.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 \_\_\_\_\_.