

## 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 stop avoid forbid prohibit ban prevent escape

- 1 Smoking has been \_\_\_\_\_ in all public places.
- 2 The examiner asked the students to \_\_\_\_\_ writing and put down their pens.
- 3 The government has taken strict measures to \_\_\_\_\_ accidents on motorways.
- 4 I take these pills to \_\_\_\_\_ getting seasick while travelling by boat.
- 5 For reasons of hygiene, animals are \_\_\_\_\_ to enter hospitals.
- 6 She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her husband from informing the authorities.
- 7 She was lucky to \_\_\_\_\_ a conviction for shoplifting.

### B blame accuse arrest charge convict sentence

- 1 The police \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Jones and \_\_\_\_\_ him with assault.
- 2 Despite the student's protests, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ her of cheating.
- 3 The man was \_\_\_\_\_ of murder and \_\_\_\_\_ to twenty years in prison.
- 4 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ us for the broken window, we weren't playing football this morning.

**C** complaint annoyance accusation disappointment

- 1 Much to our \_\_\_\_\_, we had to wait for over an hour to purchase the tickets.
- 2 Despite the media hype, the concert was a real \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I wish to make a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ about the quality of the food.
- 4 Don't make false \_\_\_\_\_ when you don't have proof.

**D** chase pursue hunt follow

- 1 A stray dog \_\_\_\_\_ me home today and I'm thinking of keeping it.
- 2 My brother and I used to \_\_\_\_\_ each other around the house when we were young.
- 3 Police have been \_\_\_\_\_ the terrorists for weeks now but still haven't found them.
- 4 He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ a career in engineering.

**E** cause excuse reason purpose aim

- 1 John has to find a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being late, otherwise he'll get into trouble.
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the meeting is to discuss next year's plans. If you can't attend it, you must have a good \_\_\_\_\_, as the \_\_\_\_\_ is to get everybody's opinion.
- 3 The carelessness of the driver was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fatal accident.

**F**

rob    steal    burgle    hijack    deceive    cheat    lie    shoplift    blackmail

- 1 The criminal's innocent looks \_\_\_\_\_ people into trusting him.
- 2 "Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to me. I know you weren't at school today!" shouted my mother.
- 3 Our house was \_\_\_\_\_ last night and all our valuables were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Two terrorists \_\_\_\_\_ the plane and made the pilot change course.
- 5 The student tried to \_\_\_\_\_ during the test, but the teacher caught him and took away his paper.
- 6 As a teenager, Bob \_\_\_\_\_ from the local store and was even caught once.
- 7 Two men \_\_\_\_\_ the bank on Elm Street this morning.
- 8 Kim \_\_\_\_\_ John by demanding \$1000 so that she wouldn't reveal his secret.

**G**

attack    knock    hit    beat    blow    strike

- 1 It's dangerous to \_\_\_\_\_ people on the head.
- 2 The child was \_\_\_\_\_ by a vicious dog and had to be taken to hospital.
- 3 She never \_\_\_\_\_ on the door before entering.
- 4 Some football hooligans started to \_\_\_\_\_ each other after the match, so the police had to intervene.
- 5 He received a severe \_\_\_\_\_ on the head, which left him unconscious.
- 6 The church clock in the village square began to \_\_\_\_\_ ten.

**H**

robber thief burglar kidnapper convict criminal pickpocket victim hostage

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ demanded one million dollars as ransom for the release of their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ snatched the old lady's handbag from her arm.
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for breaking into the flat next door have been caught.
- 4 The bank \_\_\_\_\_ escaped through the fire exit.
- 5 Most of the gang's \_\_\_\_\_ were old people living on their own.
- 6 The escaped \_\_\_\_\_ was caught within 24 hours.
- 7 When you travel, always be wary of \_\_\_\_\_, who can steal your wallet without you realising it.
- 8 Jack the Stabber is one of the country's most wanted \_\_\_\_\_. It is said that he has murdered ten people.

**I**

forget leave ignore neglect omit

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ to turn off the TV last night, so it was left on all night long.
- 2 It's cruel to \_\_\_\_\_ pets as they rely on their owners.
- 3 Why is Jill \_\_\_\_\_ Bill? Aren't they talking to each other anymore?
- 4 I don't want people to know I was involved in this project so \_\_\_\_\_ my name from the credits.
- 5 I've \_\_\_\_\_ the concert tickets upstairs. Could you get them?