

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

attention care notice warning signal caution

- 1 The scientist demanded extra _____ from the people who were moving his laboratory equipment.
- 2 When I give the _____, everyone shout "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".
- 3 If we had been given a couple of days' _____ about the meeting, we would have been more organised.
- 4 The two students were given a(n) _____ not to fight again in the school grounds, or they would be suspended.
- 5 Some people don't pay _____ to their pets' needs and forget that they require a lot of _____ and affection.
- 6 This is a very expensive piece of equipment, so it must be handled with _____.

B

insist persist continue last remain maintain protect keep

- 1 Some European cars are expensive to _____, yet they _____ to be extremely popular.
- 2 The customer _____ on seeing the manager because the staff were so unhelpful.
- 3 We repaired our TV set, but it only _____ for two months before it broke down again.
- 4 I think it's cruel to _____ animals in flats.
- 5 If Sandra _____ in making trouble, the headmaster will call her parents.
- 6 In case of an earthquake, people should _____ calm.
- 7 My family bought a watchdog to _____ our property.

C

convince persuade urge impress attract appeal

- 1 Bob tries to _____ people by buying them expensive gifts.
- 2 The teacher _____ the students to study harder after the terrible test results.
- 3 After a lot of discussion, I was able to _____ Anne to come with me even though parties don't _____ to her.
- 4 The company tried to _____ the public that they were not polluting the river.
- 5 Children sometimes cry just to _____ attention.

D

win beat gain earn defeat fail

- 1 We have to _____ all our opponents, otherwise we will _____ to get to the finals.
- 2 France _____ the World Cup in 1998 by _____ Brazil.
- 3 Napoleon was _____ at the battle of Waterloo.
- 4 I don't _____ enough money. I need to find a new job.
- 5 After you've _____ experience, you'll be able to get a promotion.

unit 13

E appeal application attraction interest

- 1 Disneyland is a famous _____ for children, but adults love it too.
- 2 You must complete this _____ form before doing anything else.
- 3 Unfortunately, Larry shows no _____ in his studies.
- 4 I made an _____ against the parking fine by writing to the council.

F result effect affect consequence influence

- 1 I missed the train this morning and as a(n) _____ I was late for school. Then, I had to face the _____ when my teacher saw me.
- 2 Smoking has a negative _____ on our health.
- 3 The football players' performance was _____ by the rain.
- 4 Bob's friends have had a positive _____ on him and his _____ have improved.

G

allow let permit accept make oblige force

- 1 My parents won't _____ me go to the party because it's on a weekday.
- 2 I _____ the job offer because it was too good to refuse.
- 3 Many teenagers are _____ to stay out after midnight.
- 4 The new law _____ all drivers to have their licence with them at all times.
- 5 I can't _____ you to do this if you don't want to.
- 6 Students are _____ to enter the lab only under teacher supervision.
- 7 My mother _____ us tidy our rooms every Saturday morning.

H

postpone cancel delay

- 1 All trains were _____ due to a power failure.
- 2 I had to _____ all my appointments as I was ill.
- 3 Joel's busy today, so we have to _____ the meeting until next Friday.

I

guest host visitor client customer

- 1 Car manufacturers go to great lengths to keep their _____ satisfied.
- 2 The _____ of the party looked after his _____ extremely well.
- 3 The gallery is open to _____ from 10 am to 5 pm.
- 4 Most of the lawyer's _____ were rich and famous.