



## Words often confused

### 4 Underline the correct item.

- 1 Tom has always been interested in **classical/classic**   
studies; he's an expert on ancient Greek mythology.
- 2 Napoleon's army was **defeated/arrested** by the   
British and the Prussians at Waterloo on June 18th,  
1815.
- 3 July 4th, 1776 was a **historic/historical** day for   
America.
- 4 The general decided to **invade/attack** the enemy   
camp at night so as to have the advantage.
- 5 The Conservatives had been in **power/strength** for   
over ten years before the Labour Party was elected  
again.

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Fill in *time* or *times*.

- 1 It felt just like old .....
- 2 I just feel tired all the .....
- 3 It's the worst natural disaster of modern .....
- 4 I think he's the greatest musician of all .....
- 5 They used to go there from ..... to .....
- 6 I felt like crying at ..... during the film.
- 7 He got three ..... the number of votes.
- 8 The company hasn't moved with the .....

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Match the adjectives to the nouns.

1 pure, sheer, good, bad

2 little, slight, fifty-fifty, good

3 pure, sheer, unfortunate





## Idioms & Fixed Phrases

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Underline the correct item.

- 1 She belongs to a very ancient family; she can **trace her/pass into** history back to the Norman Conquest.
- 2 A large number of historical events have taken place in the Tower of London over the centuries; it's **recorded/steeped in** history.
- 3 Neil Armstrong **is/made** history on 20th July, 1969  when he became the first man to walk on the moon.
- 4 When Enrico Fermi split the atom in 1934 (without realising it), he **changed the course/route of** history.
- 5 **During/Throughout** history it seems that the reasons  for war are essentially the same; history repeats itself.



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Replace the phrases in bold with the phrasal verbs in the list in the correct form.

- take over • carry out • blow up • go off
- bring about • back out • beat up

- 1 The war memorial was **destroyed by an explosion**.
- 2 The prisoner was **hit and kicked many times** by the enemy soldiers.
- 3 The bomb **exploded** in the town centre.
- 4 The soldiers claimed they were **acting in accordance with** orders.
- 5 The government had agreed to help the refugees, but when they realised how expensive it would be, they **decided not to**.
- 6 The revolution did not **cause** any major political changes.
- 7 During the military coup, the army **gained control** of the parliament building.