# CONFUSED WORDS 3

## 1. DISCREET / DISCRETE

1. The family made _____ enquiries about his back ground.
2. These small companies now have their own _____ identity.
3. They are very good assistants, very _____ - they wouldn't go talking to the press.
4. Computers treat time as a series of _____ moments rather than a continuous flow.

## 2. EFFECTIVE / EFFICIENT

1. His efforts to improve the school have been very _____.
2. She's the most _____ secretary I've ever had. She does everything perfectly.
3. Yoga is a very _____ technique for combating stress.
4. Bicycles are a cheap and _____ form of transport.

## 3. EMPLOYEE / EMPLOYER

1. All the _____ have asked for more money but I don't think the boss will give it to them.
2. The unions are negotiating with the _____ to get higher wages for the workers.
3. If any _____ needs to take time off, he should contact the Personnel Department.
4. I'm very lucky - I love my job and Geoff really is the ideal _____.

## 4. FAMOUS / INFAMOUS

1. The list included the _____ George Drake, a double murderer.
2. Who's the most _____ person you've ever interviewed on TV?
3. Scotland is _____ for its spectacular countryside.
4. He's _____ for his bigoted sense of humour.

## 5. FORMALLY / FORMERLY

1. The position of our _____ illegal workers has now been regularized.
2. The deal will be _____ announced on Tuesday.
3. He was _____ dressed in a grey suit.

The building was _____ used as a bank, but is now being turned into a bar.

## 6. AMIABLE / AMICABLE

1. Two _____ people might share an _____ friendship.
2. So _____ was the mood of the meeting that a decision was soon reached.
3. The dispute was finally settled in a very _____ manner.
4. He was _____ and charming, and he possessed an ability to make people feel comfortable in his presence.

## 7. AVOID / EVADE / PREVENT

1. Mike swerved sharply to the left to _____ crashing into the lorry.
2. The rules are intended to _____ accidents.

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3. She leaned forward to kiss him but he _____ her by pretending to sneeze.
4. We were _____ from entering the site.
5. It makes no sense to try to _____ paying taxes. Sooner or later, the tax office will find out about it.
6. Pregnant women should _____ certain foods such as raw eggs.

## 8. BUILDING / HOUSE

1. See that large _____ over there? Well, that's where I work.
2. I'm worried about leaving him alone in the _____ all day.
3. The once-empty site was now covered with _____.
4. She lives in a little _____ in Cross Street.

## 9. CARRY / LIFT

1. I _____ the boy on to my shoulders so that he could see the parade pass.
2. Finish your lunch and then help me _____ the dishes into the kitchen.
3. The bus that was involved in the accident was _____ children to school.
4. Could you _____ your chair a little - I've got my coat caught under it.

## 10. COMPLEMENT / COMPLIMENT

1. Strawberries and cream _____ each other perfectly.
2. I must _____ you on your handling of a very difficult situation.
3. The music _____ her voice utterly.
4. I take it as a _____ when people say I look like my mother.

## 11. COST / EXPENSE

1. Buying a bigger car has proved to be well worth the _____.
2. Whether or not we go to Spain for our holiday depends on the _____.
3. She rationalized the _____ by saying that the _____ly carpet she had bought would last longer than a cheaper one.
4. My main concern about moving to London is the _____ of housing.

## 12. CUSTOM / HABIT

1. In my country, it's the _____ to get married in white.
2. I'm trying not to get into the _____ of always having biscuits with my coffee.
3. He left the house at nine exactly, as is his _____.
4. I was taught to drive by my boyfriend and I'm afraid I've picked up some of his bad _____.

## 13. ELECTRIC / ELECTRICAL

1. My brother is studying to be an _____ engineer.
2. We can warm up the room quite quickly with this _____ fire.
3. Our _____ bill for July was £165.
4. There is a 20% discount on all _____ goods until the end of the week.

## 14. FIT / SUIT

1. I don't have anything that really _____ the occasion.
2. Short skirts don't really _____ me - I don't have the legs for them.
3. If you can't _____ all the cases in your car, I can take a few in mine.

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4. I don't suppose I have any books that would _____ your sophisticated tastes.

### 15. GAME / PLAY

1. Would you like a _____ of tennis?
2. The students performed a _____ by Shakespeare and song some folk songs.
3. Radio _____ are always much better than TV _____ - you can use your imagination more.
4. The children invent some fantastic _____ to occupy themselves.

### 20 AMOUNT / NUMBER

1. Large _____ of invitations were sent.
2. He paid regular _____ of money to a charity.
3. The _____ of homeless children in the city has risen alarmingly.
4. The _____ of money you make in a year depends on the _____ of deals you close.

### 21. ARISE / AROUSE

1. Emotional speeches always _____ strong feelings.
2. Problems like this _____ every day in the factory.
3. We'll buy other pieces of clothing if the need _____.
4. Reading that book when I was a child _____ my interest in literature.

### 22 BESIDES/ EXCEPT

1. _____ the violin, he plays the piano and the flute.
2. I like al musical instruments _____ the violin.
3. There are many options for members _____ the gym and swimming pool.
4. He ate everything on his plate _____ the beans.

### 23 CHILDISH / CHILDLIKE

1. It's simply _____ to refuse to talk to her.
2. All her life she had a _____ trust in other people.
3. I do wish you'd grow up, John! You're so _____ at times.
4. She's old but she has a very_____ manner.

### 24 CLOTHES / CLOTHS

1. She wore a dress made of several kinds of beautiful _____.
2. Just a moment, let me change my _____.
3. His _____ were made of _____ of many different colours.
4. There are some _____ in the closet.

### 25 COMPREHENSIBLE / COMPREHENSIVE

1. The two governments have agreed to engage in a _____ dialogue to resolve the problem.
2. His journalistic skill is evident through his clear prose and _____ style.
3. If you are a young, inexperienced driver, it is worth having _____ insurance.
4. The subtitles are clear, _____ and easy to follow.

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## 26 COUNCIL / COUNSEL

1. Mr. Jones is in _____ till 12 o'clock.
2. The lawyer gave the right _____ to the city _____.
3. The police have provided experts to _____ local people affected by the tragedy.
4. This play is supported by a grant from the local arts _____.

## 27 DENY / REFUSE

1. There was a young boy at the traffic lights asking for money but Tom _____ him.
2. The soldier applied for a short leave but was _____ permission.
3. They accused him of having stolen the money but he _____ it.
4. The French writer Jean-Paul Sartre _____ the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1964.

## 28 DOCILE / DOMESTIC / TAME

1. They have a big dog, but he's real friendly and _____.
2. After a few months' contact the monkeys become very _____.
3. They are _____, gentle animals, who will wander your back garden in search of tender shoots to eat.
4. A _____ animal is an animal that can live with Human. Such as dogs, cats, rats, snakes, lizards.
5. That lion acts as _____ as a house cat.
6. The children coped well with the issue of _____ abuse.

## 29 FARE / FEE / FINE

1. The lawyer is good, but he charges huge _____.
2. If found guilty, he faces six months in jail and a heavy _____.
3. Train _____ increases of five percent are envisaged for the next year.
4. The entrance _____ is six pounds, two pounds for the unwaged.
5. The librarian slapped a _____ on him for returning the books late.
6. Some economists say that the age of cheap air _____ is over.

## 30 EXHAUSTIVE / EXHAUSTING

1. The pace of twelve-hour days, seven days a week proved _____.
2. The report was so _____ that everybody was pleased.
3. So _____ a day was it, that all wanted to do was lie down.
4. I have collected a not necessarily _____ list of transcripts from various sources.

## 31.FLAVOUR / TASTE

1. Add a little salt to bring out the _____ of the herbs.
2. _____ this sauce and tell me if it needs seasoning.
3. You can use fresh herbs to _____ the soup.
4. Aniseed has a very distinctive _____ - I don't like it personally.

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