

## CONFUSED WORDS 7

### 1. HISTORIC / HISTORICAL

1. Is it a \_\_\_\_\_ fact that Washington slept in this house?
2. Many important \_\_\_\_\_ documents were destroyed when the library was bombed.
3. She's an avid reader of \_\_\_\_\_ novels.
4. Modernizing \_\_\_\_\_ buildings can often do more harm than good.

### 2. IMPLY / INFER

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ from her expression that she wanted to leave.
2. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ anything about your cooking, but could we eat out tonight?
3. What can be \_\_\_\_\_ from the Minister's remarks?
4. The speaker or writer \_\_\_\_\_ something, and the listener or reader \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### 3. LICENCE / LICENSE

1. This restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ to sell alcohol.
2. As parents they allowed their children very little \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He was copped for driving without a \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
4. Edward didn't have a fishing \_\_\_\_\_ - the council had decided not to \_\_\_\_\_ anyone new this year to conserve stocks.

### 4. MASTERFUL / MASTERLY

1. By your \_\_\_\_\_ speech I can tell you are an expert on teaching students.
2. He has a deep, \_\_\_\_\_ voice.
3. She gave a \_\_\_\_\_ performance as Kate in 'The Taming of the Shrew'.
4. Once she became a prosecutor, she quickly established herself as a \_\_\_\_\_ trial lawyer.

### 5. MORAL / MORALE

1. A couple of victories would improve the team's \_\_\_\_\_ enormously.
2. It's her \_\_\_\_\_ obligation to tell the police what she knows.
3. How on earth can you say that? Do you have no \_\_\_\_\_ values?
4. There have been a lot of job losses recently so \_\_\_\_\_ is fairly low.

### 6. OPPORTUNITY / OPTION / POSSIBILITY

1. I was never given the \_\_\_\_\_ of going to college.
2. The best \_\_\_\_\_ would be to cancel the trip altogether.
3. This walk provides the \_\_\_\_\_ of seeing some beautiful countryside.
4. Is there any \_\_\_\_\_ that you could pick me up from the station?
5. They didn't leave him much \_\_\_\_\_ - either he paid or they'd beat him up.
6. It's not likely to happen but I wouldn't rule out the \_\_\_\_\_.

### 7. PRACTICABLE / PRACTICAL

1. She is \_\_\_\_\_ and buys only what she can afford.
2. The troops will be brought home as soon as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It's simply not \_\_\_\_\_ to divide the work between so many people.
4. It is not \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the tunnel before the end of the year.

5. I tend to wear clothes that are \_\_\_\_\_ rather than fashionable.

#### **8. PRINCIPAL / PRINCIPLE**

1. He refused to give me any more money as a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Schools try to teach children a set of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A small school with just three teachers and the \_\_\_\_\_ is just what we need.
4. He can't give up teaching, it's his \_\_\_\_\_ source of income.

#### **9. REGRETFUL / REGRETTABLE**

1. It is most \_\_\_\_\_ that Mr Johnson has decided to resign.
2. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ that our relation ended this way.
3. Your choice of friends is most \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are not \_\_\_\_\_ about leaving this town.

#### **10. SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE**

1. I am very \_\_\_\_\_ to cold. I prefer warm temperatures.
2. Of course what you say is right. Any \_\_\_\_\_ person would agree with you.
3. This seems to be a \_\_\_\_\_ way of dealing with the problem.
4. Her reply showed that she was very \_\_\_\_\_ to criticism.

#### **11. TESTAMENT / TESTIMONY**

1. Some doubts have been expressed about his \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The detail of her wildlife paintings is a \_\_\_\_\_ to her powers of observation.
3. The reports are \_\_\_\_\_ to the many hours of research completed by this committee.
4. This article will give clear instructions for making a last will and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **12. HOMEWORK / HOUSEWORK**

1. A lot of students in the UK get too much \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I never seem to have enough time to do the \_\_\_\_\_. There's always something that needs dusting or polishing.
3. I do all the \_\_\_\_\_ while he just does the dishes now and again.
4. You can't watch TV until you've done your \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **13. IN TIME / ON TIME**

1. The bus was late this morning but it is usually \_\_\_\_\_ time.
2. The ambulance got the hospital just \_\_\_\_\_ time to save his life.
3. Why are you never \_\_\_\_\_ time? You always keep everybody waiting.
4. I got home just \_\_\_\_\_ time - it's starting to rain.

#### **14. INTENSE / INTENSIVE**

1. The course compresses two year's training into six \_\_\_\_\_ months.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ bombing had reduced the city to rubble.
3. She was a very \_\_\_\_\_ person, who seemed to care deeply about everyone.
4. No, I was not always so disciplined or serious, \_\_\_\_\_ or passionate, but now I am.

#### **15. LAST / LATEST / LATTER**

1. You can go there either by plane or train. The \_\_\_\_\_ costs less.
2. The next meeting will be held in the \_\_\_\_\_ week in June.

3. His \_\_\_\_\_ film is one of the funniest he's ever made.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ version of their graphics package was handed out today.
5. Total profit was £550 million in the \_\_\_\_\_ half of 2003.
6. I swear this is the \_\_\_\_\_ cigarette I will ever smoke.

## 16. MEASURE / MEASUREMENT

1. Which \_\_\_\_\_ should I take first - the width or the length of the room?
2. There was a large \_\_\_\_\_ of agreement between the candidates.
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ do they use for diamonds?
4. The machine makes thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
5. These \_\_\_\_\_ were designed to improve car safety.

## 17. OFFICIAL / OFFICIOUS

1. Yesterday I received an \_\_\_\_\_ letter concerning my income tax.
2. He is an \_\_\_\_\_ little man and widely disliked in the company.
3. Number Ten Downing Street is the British prime minister's \_\_\_\_\_ residence.
4. Bustling about self-importantly he was making an \_\_\_\_\_ nuisance of himself.

## 18. OUTBREAK / OUTBURST

1. Last month there was an \_\_\_\_\_ of the bird flu.
2. Her comments provoked an \_\_\_\_\_ of anger from the boss.
3. Forgive my \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
4. On the \_\_\_\_\_ of war he expected to be called up.

## 19. RELATION / RELATIONSHIP

1. Studies show that there is a strong \_\_\_\_\_ between income and mental health.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ between China and the United States are tense at the moment.
3. How is your \_\_\_\_\_ with your father?
4. All our friends and \_\_\_\_\_ came to our wedding.

## 20. URBAN / URBANE

1. Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ life, or would you prefer to live in the country?
2. Herschel was an \_\_\_\_\_, kindly, and generous man.
3. In conversation, he was suave and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The speed limit is strictly enforced on \_\_\_\_\_ roads.

## 21. HAVEN / HEAVEN

1. They wanted to provide safe \_\_\_\_\_ for the refugees.
2. I just lay in the sun for a week and did nothing - it was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He'll move \_\_\_\_\_ and earth to get it done on time.
4. The garden was a \_\_\_\_\_ from the noise and bustle of the city.

## 22. HORSE / HOARSE

1. My \_\_\_\_\_ is a bit timid and is easily frightened by traffic.
2. The jockey went \_\_\_\_\_ telling the \_\_\_\_\_ to giddy up.
3. This came straight from the \_\_\_\_\_'s mouth.
4. You'll make yourself \_\_\_\_\_ if you keep shouting like that!

### 23. ISOLATED / INSULATED

1. The infected patients were \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.
2. Your drink stays hot for hours in this \_\_\_\_\_ bottle.
3. A high wall \_\_\_\_\_ the house from the rest of the village.
4. Children should be \_\_\_\_\_ from the horrors of war.

### 24. LUXURIANT / LUXURIOUS

1. I've always wanted to drive big \_\_\_\_\_ cars.
2. Her \_\_\_\_\_ hair fell around her shoulders.
3. We've bought a wonderfully \_\_\_\_\_ carpet for our bedroom.
4. We spent a \_\_\_\_\_ weekend at a country hotel.

### 25. PACKAGE / PACKET

1. The courier has just delivered a \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
2. Don't forget to buy 2 \_\_\_\_\_ of biscuits.
3. He wrote the number on the back of a cigarette \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Tom opened the brown paper wrapped \_\_\_\_\_ slowly, and undid the tape on a box inside of it.

### 26. POLITIC / POLITICS

1. You're right and my articulation of what I wanted to say was not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She's not interested in \_\_\_\_\_. She never votes in the elections.
3. Her \_\_\_\_\_ have become more liberal over the past few years.
4. It was not \_\_\_\_\_ to ask any more questions at that point.

### 27. REMEMBER / REMIND

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ seeing him leave an hour ago.
2. I need the notes to \_\_\_\_\_ me what to say.
3. That song always \_\_\_\_\_ me of our holiday in Mexico.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I was really nervous on my first day at school.

### 28. SCENERY / VIEW

1. They stopped at the top of the hill to admire the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The cloud lifted, and the tops of the mountains suddenly came into \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This postcard doesn't do justice to the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ from the top of the mountain is breathtaking.

### 29. SHADE / SHADOW

1. Would you like to eat in the sun or in the \_\_\_\_\_?
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the trees slowly move across the lawn.
3. Our dog like to chase its own \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It's much too hot. Let's go and sit in the \_\_\_\_\_ for a while.

### 30. WIDELY / WIDESPREAD

1. Prices vary \_\_\_\_\_ from shop to shop.
2. There are reports of \_\_\_\_\_ flooding in northern France.
3. The incident has been \_\_\_\_\_ reported in the press.
4. The next 36 hours will be even colder with snow showers becoming more \_\_\_\_\_.