

## Confused words E-G.

### 1. ECONOMIC / ECONOMICAL

It's not very \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the lights on when you're not in the room.

Because of the recent strikes, the \_\_\_\_\_ situation of the country is very bad.

She's an economist. She's an expert in \_\_\_\_\_ matters.

It's a very \_\_\_\_\_ car. It uses very little petrol.

### 2. EXPECT / HOPE

I \_\_\_\_\_ it won't rain this evening. We're going out for a late walk.

We \_\_\_\_\_ that the guest house would have much better rooms.

He hasn't received his test mark yet, but he \_\_\_\_\_ he will do well.

He is a wise young man. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ him to change his mind?

### 3. EARN / GAIN / WIN

I've \_\_\_\_\_ five pounds since I stopped exercising.

How much do you \_\_\_\_\_, if you don't mind me asking?

What do you hope to \_\_\_\_\_ from the course?

He \_\_\_\_\_ the award for best actor, and deservedly so.

It's been a tough six months and I feel I've \_\_\_\_\_ a few weeks off.

### 4. EMIGRATE / IMMIGRATE

Millions of Germans \_\_\_\_\_ from Europe to America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

He \_\_\_\_\_ with his parents in 1895 and grew up on Long Island.

New Zealanders who \_\_\_\_\_ to Australia raise the IQ of both countries.

People say there's no quality of life in Russia, and everyone wants to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5. EMINENT / IMMINENT

Only the most \_\_\_\_\_ scientists win the Nobel Prize.

For a man in \_\_\_\_\_ danger of losing his job, he appeared quite unruffled.

He handled the situation with \_\_\_\_\_ skill.

He gave a dire warning that an earthquake was \_\_\_\_\_.

### 6. EXTEND / EXTENT / EXTANT

The path \_\_\_\_\_ beyond the end of the road.

We have some \_\_\_\_\_ parish records from the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

We don't yet know the \_\_\_\_\_ of his injuries.

We're planning to \_\_\_\_\_ our publishing of children's books.

The full \_\_\_\_\_ of the damage only became evident the following morning

### 7. EFFECTIVE / EFFICIENT

His efforts to improve the school have been very \_\_\_\_\_.

She's the most \_\_\_\_\_ secretary I've ever had. She does everything perfectly.

Yoga is a very \_\_\_\_\_ technique for combating stress.

Bicycles are a cheap and \_\_\_\_\_ form of transport.



## 8. EMPLOYEE / EMPLOYER

All the \_\_\_\_\_ have asked for more money but I don't think the boss will give it to them.

The unions are negotiating with the \_\_\_\_\_ to get higher wages for the workers.

If any \_\_\_\_\_ needs to take time off, he should contact the Personnel Department.

I'm very lucky - I love my job and Geoff really is the ideal \_\_\_\_\_.

## 9. EXHAUSTIVE / EXHAUSTING

The pace of twelve-hour days, seven days a week proved \_\_\_\_\_.

The report was so \_\_\_\_\_ that everybody was pleased.

So \_\_\_\_\_ a day was it, that all wanted to do was lie down.

I have collected a not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ list of transcripts from various sources.

## 10. ELICIT / ILLICIT

The questionnaire was intended to \_\_\_\_\_ information on eating habits.

Suspecting that his wife was having an \_\_\_\_\_ affair, he warned her to stop.

He was hopeful that his request would \_\_\_\_\_ a positive response.

The UN estimated that the \_\_\_\_\_ drug trade is worth billions every year.

## 11. ERRAND / ERRANT

I'll meet you at six, I've got some \_\_\_\_\_ to run first.

His \_\_\_\_\_ son ran up debts of over £3000.

A mountaineer and his St Bernard setting off on an \_\_\_\_\_ of mercy.

No search parties are sent out for the \_\_\_\_\_ travellers.

Leave the car at home, walk for short \_\_\_\_\_ or use your bike.

## 12. ESPECIALLY / SPECIALLY

He has his shirts made \_\_\_\_\_ for him by a tailor in London.

She loves flowers, \_\_\_\_\_ roses.

This kitchen was \_\_\_\_\_ designed to make it easy for a disabled person to use.

I don't want to be treated \_\_\_\_\_.

There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ radical about that idea.

She can't be sure she will win, \_\_\_\_\_ at this early stage of the campaign.

## 13. EXTRACT / EXTRICATE

It took hours to \_\_\_\_\_ the car from the sand.

After much persuasion they managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the information from him.

I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ myself from the situation.

The oil which is \_\_\_\_\_ from olives is used for cooking.

## 14. EVOKE / INVOKE

His passionate words \_\_\_\_\_ the ugly memories of the war. (s.p.)

Their sacred dance is performed to \_\_\_\_\_ ancient gods.

This detergent is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the fresh smell of summer meadows

Police can \_\_\_\_\_ the law to regulate access to these places.



### 15. E.G. / ETC. / I.E.

The hotel is closed during low season, \_\_\_\_\_ from October to March.

You should eat more food that contains a lot of fibre, \_\_\_\_\_ fruit, vegetables, and bread.

For all churches decorous dress is required, \_\_\_\_\_ no shorts, bare shoulders, \_\_\_\_\_

You often write a slash between alternatives, \_\_\_\_\_ "and/or".

Pigment is mixed into oil, glue, egg, \_\_\_\_\_ to make different types of paint.

### 16. ENSURE / INSURE

All our household goods are \_\_\_\_\_ against accidental damage.

The role of the police is to \_\_\_\_\_ that the law is obeyed.

We must \_\_\_\_\_ that tourism develops in harmony with the environment.

They refused to \_\_\_\_\_ us because they said we're too old.

### 17. EXCEPT / EXEMPT / EXPECT

She had been unable to say where she was \_\_\_\_\_ that it was wooded.

You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ others to do your work for you.

The government has few options \_\_\_\_\_ to keep interest rates high.

Small businesses are \_\_\_\_\_ from the tax increase.

This is your captain speaking. We \_\_\_\_\_ to be landing at London Heathrow in an hour's time.

His age \_\_\_\_\_ him from conscription, but he had enlisted anyway.

### 18. EATABLE / EDIBLE

Only leaves of the plant are \_\_\_\_\_.

My friend is not good at cooking but it is \_\_\_\_\_.

Are these mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_?

Raw meat is \_\_\_\_\_ but yet not \_\_\_\_\_ until it has been cooked.

### 19. ELECTRIC / ELECTRICAL

My brother is studying to be an \_\_\_\_\_ engineer.

We can warm up the room quite quickly with this \_\_\_\_\_ fire.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ bill for July was £165.

There is a 20% discount on all \_\_\_\_\_ goods until the end of the week.

### 20. EPIGRAM / EPIGRAPH

One of Oscar Wilde's most frequently quoted \_\_\_\_\_ is "I can resist everything except temptation"

The \_\_\_\_\_ to the book is from Northanger Abbey.

It is a book of hard-won wisdom and stark pleasure in the form of 500 lyrical aphorisms and \_\_\_\_\_.

The satirical structure and style of the novel are suggested by an \_\_\_\_\_ from

Mark Twain's travel book.



## 21. FAST / QUICK / QUICKLY

- Given his age, he's a remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ runner.
- I only had time for a \_\_\_\_\_ glance at the paper this morning.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ train stops at fewer stations and travels \_\_\_\_\_ to London takes less than an hour.
- I tried to catch him but he was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me.
- The police car was going so \_\_\_\_\_, it must have been chasing someone.
- And we are going to need to get it back in order as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.

## 22. FULL / FULSOME

- Did the kids enjoy their trip to the zoo?" "Oh, yes, they were \_\_\_\_\_ of it when they got back this afternoon.
- Her new book has received \_\_\_\_\_ praise from the critics.
- Our guests were \_\_\_\_\_ in their compliments about the food.
- Since he got his new job, he's been very \_\_\_\_\_ of his own importance.

## 23. FINALLY / AT LAST / LASTLY / IN THE END

- There were no taxis and we \_\_\_\_\_ got home at 2 pm.
- She has \_\_\_\_\_ given me the book she promised me.
- We need eggs, milk, sugar, bread and, \_\_\_\_\_, we mustn't forget yoghurt for Dad.
- We were going to ski in Austria, then the South of France and \_\_\_\_\_ we decided to go to Italy.
- I've thanked my parents but \_\_\_\_\_ I must thank all my friends for their help.
- And then, \_\_\_\_\_, after months of discussion they offered to buy our house.
- They're here \_\_\_\_\_ ! We've been waiting half an hour.
- She had over twenty interviews but Jasmine has \_\_\_\_\_ got a job as a journalist.

## 24. FARTHER / FURTHER

- For \_\_\_\_\_ information, please ring 075-6720290.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ I go, the more I miss my home.
- He could see a small boat on the \_\_\_\_\_ shore.
- Before you look at your programme, let me explain a little \_\_\_\_\_.

## 25. FELL / FELT

- He \_\_\_\_\_ the side of the kettle to see if it was still hot.
- He always \_\_\_\_\_ himself inferior to his brothers.
- When the teacher walked in, the children's voices \_\_\_\_\_ to a whisper.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs and injured my back.
- He was so rude I \_\_\_\_\_ like slapping his face.
- The audience was still laughing as the curtain \_\_\_\_\_.

## 26. FLOUR / FLOWER

- They've got some beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ beds in their garden.
- She saw some \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.



When does this plant \_\_\_\_\_?

Grease and \_\_\_\_\_ the tins thoroughly.

### 27. FAIR / FARE

Low-paid workers will \_\_\_\_\_ badly under this government.

Films are rated on a scale of poor, \_\_\_\_\_, good and excellent.

Take some foreign currency to cover incidentals like the taxi \_\_\_\_\_ to your hotel.

They claimed that the election had been \_\_\_\_\_, but really it was a sham.

I think it's \_\_\_\_\_ to say that you've done less of the work than I have.

We went by bus to the \_\_\_\_\_ in Camden town. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ is not very expensive

### 28. FAMOUS / INFAMOUS

The list included the \_\_\_\_\_ George Drake, a double murderer.

Who's the most \_\_\_\_\_ person you've ever interviewed on TV?

Scotland is \_\_\_\_\_ for its spectacular countryside.

He's \_\_\_\_\_ for his bigoted sense of humour.

### 29. FORMALLY / FORMERLY

The position of our \_\_\_\_\_ illegal workers has now been regularized.

The deal will be \_\_\_\_\_ announced on Tuesday.

He was \_\_\_\_\_ dressed in a grey suit.

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

### 30. FIT / SUIT

I don't have anything that really \_\_\_\_\_ the occasion.

Short skirts don't really \_\_\_\_\_ me - I don't have the legs for them.

If you can't \_\_\_\_\_ all the cases in your car, I can take a few in mine.

I don't suppose I have any books that would \_\_\_\_\_ your sophisticated tastes.

### 31. FARE / FEE / FINE

The lawyer is good, but he charges huge \_\_\_\_\_.

If found guilty, he faces six months in jail and a heavy \_\_\_\_\_.

Train \_\_\_\_\_ increases of five percent are envisaged for the next year.

The entrance \_\_\_\_\_ is six pounds, two pounds for the unwaged.

The librarian slapped a \_\_\_\_\_ on him for returning the books late.

Some economists say that the age of cheap air \_\_\_\_\_ is over.

### 32. GAME / PLAY

Would you like a \_\_\_\_\_ of tennis?

The students performed a \_\_\_\_\_ by Shakespeare and song some folk songs.

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ are always much better than TV \_\_\_\_\_ - you can use your imagination more.

The children invent some fantastic \_\_\_\_\_ to occupy themselves.