

CONFUSED WORDS WITH M-N 1

MANIAC / MANIACAL / MANIC

1. I won't get in the car with Richard - he drives like a _____!
2. He's kind of _____ - I wish he'd calm down.
3. This was one for the war buffs amongst the motoring _____.
4. He suddenly exploded into _____ laughter.
5. This is the perfect place to relax as it's busy but never too _____.
6. She is hunched forward over the wheel with a _____ expression.

MANNER / MANOR

1. A _____ house dating from before 1150 is Britain's oldest continually occupied house, it was claimed today.
2. As soon as he realized that we weren't going to buy anything, his whole _____ changed.
3. They were the undisputed rulers of their _____.
4. I tried all _____ of different approaches - I wheedled, threatened, demanded, cajoled.

MARITAL / MARTIAL / MARSHAL

1. The _____, or fighting arts are among humankind's oldest avocations.
2. If the wife deferred to the husband because of the _____ relationship, that is another thing.
3. It is unlikely that the rebels will be able to _____ as much firepower as the government troops.
4. You can't expect to live in a state of _____ bliss.
5. The organisers need _____ and bucket collectors to help them on the day.
6. In the opening part there are fight scenes woven around him to introduce us to his _____ skills.

MARRY / MERRY

1. The shop assistant wished me a _____ Christmas.
2. You know what they say - _____ in haste, repent at leisure.
3. She is so _____ because she's going to _____ her beloved.
4. You got a bit _____ last night, didn't you Cath?
5. We need to _____ up the names on your list with those on my list and see what the overlap is.

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.

MAY BE / MAYBE

1. He _____ forty, but he is acting like a child.
2. Where is Julie? I don't know. _____ she's in the dining room.
3. This _____ the last match that he plays for Barcelona.
4. I think _____ I ought to go round there and apologize for what I said.

MERCENARY / MISSIONARY

1. He had some _____ scheme to marry a wealthy widow.
2. He did _____ work for the Presbyterian Church in Alaska.

3. When the public purse snapped shut, they resorted to ever more _____ ways of earning a crust.
4. The _____ established schools as a principal method of teaching and preaching.

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.

MESSAGE / NEWS

1. We've had no _____ of them since they left for Australia.
2. I even used birds to send my _____ from here directly to Devlin.
3. The _____ that Dan had resigned took everyone by surprise.
4. The _____ on the card said 'Be my Valentine'.

METAL / METTLE

1. The explosion sent pieces of _____ and glass hurtling through the air.
2. The real test of her political _____ came in the May elections.
3. Cooking for such important people really puts you on your _____.
4. As the hot _____ passed between the huge rollers it was pressed into thin sheets.

MISFIT / UNFIT

1. He is dishonest and _____ to be in charge of young children.
2. He disagrees with everything in modern society. In short, he's a _____.
3. I used to take plenty of exercise, but now I'm terribly _____.
4. I didn't really know anyone at the party, so I felt like a _____.

MISSAL / MISSILE

1. The _____ strike was devastating - the target was totally obliterated.
2. He hastily opened the _____ and started the opening prayer.'
3. Edith responded immediately by buying a _____ and a catechism and preparing for baptism.
4. Stones, bottles, and other _____ were thrown at the police.

MOBILE / MOVABLE

1. As I understand it they are _____ and can easily be transferred if the need arises.
2. t's a vinyl doll with _____ arms and legs.
3. They will be able to invite _____ bankers to their homes and offices.
4. There are three kinds of freely _____ joints that play a big part in voluntary movement.

MOMENT / MOMENTUM

1. The falcon seemed to hang in the air for a _____ before diving onto its prey.
2. In an attempt to give new _____ to their plans, the committee set a date for starting detailed discussions.
3. If you want a private conversation with her you'll have to choose your _____.
4. The spacecraft will fly around the earth to gather _____ for its trip to Jupiter.
5. He was staring out of the window and he didn't answer me - I think he was just having a _____.

MOMENTARY / MOMENTOUS

1. What took place was a _____ loss of temper and he struck out in anger.
2. She took advantage of his _____ weakness to drive her elbows into his stomach..
3. Whether or not to move overseas was a _____ decision for the family.
4. The past three years have been among the most _____ in world history.

MONOGRAM / MONOGRAPH

1. They are publishing a series of _____ on music in late medieval and Renaissance cities.
2. The maker's mark on the dishes is a distinctive _____, clearly composed of the initials 'RF'.
3. It was the first book on this subject since the _____ of L. Eisenhart in 1926.
4. It is signed with a _____, or perhaps a small drawing, which I will not even attempt to describe.

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.

MORTAR / MORTISE

1. Drill a hole and chisel a shallow _____ in that jamb for the strike plate.
2. They can be ground easily in a _____ and pestle or in an electric spice or coffee grinder.
3. A car bomb and a _____ rip through a commercial area in central Baghdad.
4. Then cut a V-channel across the mortise anywhere within the _____.
5. The buildings are all made of either sandstone blocks or _____ with heavy sand content.

MULTIFARIOUS / MULTITUDINOUS

1. The newspaper report detailed the fraudster's _____ business activities.
2. The performers displayed their _____ talents.
3. And if you have an aversion to the colour brown in all its _____s shades, be warned: it's everywhere - flooring, panelling, furniture etc.'
4. When one looks at Nature as a whole, there are _____ diversities contained within it, and many wholes that exist within it.

NAUSEATED / NAUSEOUS

1. If the patient is poorly nourished, the drugs make them feel _____.
2. She could not eat anything without feeling _____.
3. The bride's mother was wearing a _____ combination of green and yellow.
4. He was _____ at the sight of such cruelty.

NOTE / NOTICE

1. I saw a _____ in the paper announcing their marriage.
2. He left a _____ to say he would be home late.
3. The reporter took _____ throughout the interview.
4. There was a large _____ on the wall saying "No Parking".

NUTRITIONAL / NUTRITIOUS

1. Some readymade meals are _____ and very easy to prepare.
2. Cooking vegetables reduces their _____ value.
3. It does sometimes help to know the _____ content of foods.
4. It is always important to choose enjoyable, _____ foods.