

[20.3.25] LESSON 25

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases more than one word may be correct.

A choose pick gather collect

- 1 Every spring the peaches are _____ from the trees and packed in boxes.
- 2 I have been _____ coins for the last five years. I have one coin that dates back to 1935.
- 3 We can _____ between getting a blue or a black car.
- 4 Many people _____ round the injured man to see how badly he was hurt.
- 5 The two captains had to _____ the players for their team.

B choice collection selection election variety option

- 1 I don't have a(n) _____, as you didn't give me any _____.
- 2 Every four years there is a general _____ and people vote for the party they prefer.
- 3 My stamp _____ consists of two thousand stamps.
- 4 Aspirin is the number one _____ for combating fever and pain.
- 5 The shop has ice cream in a(n) _____ of flavours.
- 6 John's _____ as captain of the team took us by surprise.

C consult advise suggest propose recommend

- 1 Would you _____ this restaurant or not?
- 2 If the chest pain continues, you must _____ a doctor.
- 3 I _____ we go to Malta for a week, unless you can _____ another destination.
- 4 The doctor _____ me to take a few days off work due to a persistent illness.
- 5 The government _____ making radical changes to the health system.

D tip clue advice information

- 1 The FBI is still looking for _____ to help them catch the dangerous criminal.
- 2 Take my _____ and see your bank manager if you're having financial problems.
- 3 I need _____ regarding the polar bear for my project.
- 4 Our teacher gave us some useful _____ on how to prepare for the exams.

E reliable responsible reasonable respectable

- 1 I bought a television set, as I found the price very _____.
- 2 At camp, each teacher was _____ for twenty students.
- 3 Judges are considered _____ members of society.
- 4 She's a very _____ person, so you can turn to her if you are having any problems.

F mention refer express comment report

- 1 Most western economies are _____ to as "free markets".
- 2 My manager asked me to _____ back to her after the seminar.
- 3 The woman _____ her dissatisfaction to the builder for not having the house ready on time.
- 4 The politician refused to _____ on the new tax laws.
- 5 The children didn't _____ anything about the trip until the last minute.
- 6 He _____ the theft of his briefcase to the police.

G announce inform confess introduce reveal publish

- 1 When the thief _____ to the robbery, he was officially charged with the crime.
- 2 The journalist refused to _____ her source, saying it was highly confidential.
- 3 The well known author _____ his new novel last week.
- 4 The finance minister _____ that there would be no wage increases for the following year.
- 5 The headmaster _____ the new teacher to the class.
- 6 If you lose your credit card, _____ the bank immediately.
- 7 The potato was _____ to Europe in 1565.

H ensure insure reassure make sure confirm

- 1 _____ you lock the windows before you go.
- 2 I had to ring the airline to _____ my flight 48 hours in advance.
- 3 You should _____ your car against fire and theft.
- 4 She _____ me that everything would go according to the plan.
- 5 The role of the judge is to _____ proper legal proceedings.

I agree accept admit approve

- 1 I don't _____ of people smoking in a doctor's waiting room.
- 2 I don't always _____ with Jessica, because we don't share the same views.
- 3 After being questioned, the student _____ that he had cheated in the test.
- 4 Children are warned not to _____ sweets from strangers.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- 1 It is of vital _____ that doctors _____ surgical equipment before using it.
- 2 It is your _____ to switch off the lights when you leave.
- 3 _____ was down to a metre due to the thick fog, so we had to drive very _____.
- 4 Supermarkets offer a _____ of products to consumers.
- 5 They depended on growing tomatoes for their _____.
- 6 He is very _____ and has a lively _____, so he gets along with almost everyone.
- 7 For their own _____, passengers are advised to remain seated.
- 8 The manager of the company is concerned about the decrease in _____.
- 9 Do you know the saying " _____ killed the cat"?
- 10 Can you sign this document, please? Don't worry, it's just a _____.
- 11 Violent, trouble-causing hooligans are a _____ among football fans.
- 12 We would like to point out the _____ between this new type of engine and the _____ one. They have nothing in common.
- 13 You have to _____ plants if you want them to grow well.

IMPORTANT, STERILE

RESPONSIBLE

VISIBLE

CAUTION

VARIOUS

LIVELY

CHEER, PERSONAL

SAFE

PRODUCTIVE

CURIOUS

FORMAL

MINOR

SIMILAR

CONVENTION

FERTILE

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

ADVERTISING

In this day and age, advertising is big business. It (1) _____ a lot of effort into effectively (2) _____ the public about a product or service. Advertisements are introduced through a (3) _____ of means. Companies can choose (4) _____ the print media, television, radio or even huge lit-up billboards that (5) _____ put up around our cities and which (6) _____ that we buy this type of ice-cream or that type of trainer. Advertising companies use a number of techniques to attract our attention, including stunning photography, eye-catching graphics, jingles or clever (7) _____. (8) _____, companies may employ famous people like film stars to (9) _____ their products.

However, many governments have introduced rules and regulations that advertisers must follow. These codes of conduct (10) _____ that advertisers don't make exaggerated claims or offend certain groups of people. In some countries, advertisements can be displayed only in specific areas. (11) _____, some countries do not (12) _____ of the advertising of certain products, like tobacco, so they don't allow such advertising at all.