

Further Practice Sections

Section A – Vocabulary & Grammar practice

Words often Confused

1 Read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each blank.

- 1 I found a wonderful Persian rug in the market the other day.
A archaic C antique
B old D antiquated
- 2 Mr Jackson needs a of the report first thing Monday morning.
A copy C image
B print D reproduction
- 3 Helen and George are expecting at the end of winter.
A couples B sets C twins D pairs
- 4 My son wants to a doctor when he's older.
A change B become C develop D turn
- 5 The computer course of ten two-hour lessons over six months.
A composes C makes up
B consists D contains
- 6 The lecture was so boring that I had a very difficult time paying and almost fell asleep.
A attention C warning
B notice D interest
- 7 Authorities are investigating the of the fire.
A reason B cause C manner D way
- 8 This shop has everything from exotic spices to designer clothes.
A stocking B ranging C extending D varying
- 9 He was to the amount of money he could spend on holiday.
A limited B fixed C bounded D set
- 10 Please, once in your life, try not to be late tomorrow.
A for B by C at D upon
- 11 Of course I you! We went to school together, didn't we?
A consider C recognise
B see D hold
- 12 His of confidence resulted in him not getting the job.
A losing B failure C missing D lack
- 13 I heard a loud bang and the thing I knew, police were everywhere.
A future B following C after D next
- 14 Please me to cancel my dentist's appointment on Tuesday.
A remind C remember
B retain D recall
- 15 We would never have guessed who had the crime.
A committed C had
B done D caused
- 16 I called the plumber to get a(n) on how much a new shower would cost.
A guess B number C estimate D count
- 17 The Smiths have their piano tuned on a basis.
A right B regular C normal D proper
- 18 She cut the cake into eight after she had blown out the candles.
A portions B parts C sizes D figures
- 19 Ben has just bought a house, so he can't to go on holiday this year.
A afford B price C cost D budget
- 20 The company will a new line of cosmetics onto the market this autumn.
A put C introduce
B bring D commence
- 21 During the festival, the streets were with people from all over the world.
A crowded C congested
B full D occupied
- 22 The total of money needed for this project is over one million pounds.
A mass B number C amount D bulk
- 23 He has a of looking at life that is very refreshing.
A method B mean C way D plan

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- 24 James has had an argument Tina and is not speaking to her.
A in B by C of D with
- 25 My morning never changes – I wake up, take a shower, have a cup of coffee and go to work.
A routine B practice C custom D time
- 26 I'll never be to understand what she saw in him!
A capable B possible C probable D able
- 27 The hotel free accommodation for children under the age of ten.
A provides B makes C assists D does
- 28 Air pollution has to an increase in breathing disorders.
A directed B brought C guided D led
- 29 Sally is so sensitive that she cries she watches a sad film.
A whenever B however C whichever D how
- 30 Don't worry! The instructions are very to follow.
A natural B easy C ordinary D casual
- 31 Even though my grandfather is 87 years old, he's as as a fiddle.
A healthy B happy C fit D slim
- 32 Don't the chance to visit the Museum of Fine Arts when you're in town.
A miss B omit C forget D look over
- 33 How long was it before you that your purse was missing?
A viewed B noticed C faced D witnessed
- 34 If you have an alibi, it will that you were nowhere near the scene of the crime.
A prove B clear C say D find
- 35 Alison most of her pocket money on CDs.
A throws B exploits C spends D buys
- 36 Mary her own business when she was only 20 years old.
A did up B made out C set up D brought on
- 37 The only reason why he the crash was because he was wearing his seatbelt.
A saved B endured C lasted D survived
- 38 One of the most rules of tennis is to always keep your eye on the ball.
A basic B weighty C significant D extreme
- 39 I'm sorry, but without the the shop will not be able to give you a refund.
A recipe B formula C receipt D prescription
- 40 The only of living in a flat is that it is cheaper than living in a house.
A advantage B asset C gain D plus
- 41 Mrs James had difficulty in controlling the class, though she was an experienced teacher.
A indeed B just C even D exactly
- 42 There are many ways which you can make food tasty and attractive to children.
A over B in C of D among
- 43 Jim Perkins was to be the only suitable candidate for the job.
A imagined B hoped C designed D considered
- 44 He walked slowly although he was late for his appointment.
A extremely B ultra C highly D intensely
- 45 Frieda is always a very warm welcome whenever she visits her cousins.
A saved B reserved C performed D guaranteed
- 46 The increase of traffic in cities has resulted more people suffering from breathing problems.
A of B towards C in D to
- 47 The man was eventually by the police to come out of his hiding place.
A persuaded B arranged C suggested D let
- 48 Your work falls well the required standard.
A under B short C below D lower

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- 49 Jane's told her that something had happened to her twin sister.
A affinity B intuition C aptitude D flair
- 50 "You can always be of our support," my parents told me when I left home.
A count B sure C depend D rely
- 51 For a long time, he has been by bad luck.
A dogged C doomed
B bugged D haunted
- 52 As the policeman handed me a speeding ticket he said that nobody was the law.
A beyond B over C above D under
- 53 Everyone's attention was drawn the noise in the street.
A to B on C into D for
- 54 Many species of fish are in danger of being by increasing levels of sea pollution.
A finished off C dried up
B wiped out D wore off
- 55 Many people never to be amazed by the records athletes set each year.
A stop B cease C end D finish
- 56 The manager told the workers that he had every in their ability.
A confidence C belief
B trust D feeling
- 57 The school sets a very high for all its pupils.
A way B standard C spirit D term
- 58 This neighbourhood looks a little these days.
A well-heeled C well-off
B run-down D down-and-out
- 59 Don't you think it would be a good idea to try and our problem?
A work out C do up
B polish off D wear off
- 60 The young boy to taking the bicycle.
A agreed C accepted
B denied D confessed
- 61 The accountant was asked to go the document very carefully.
A of B over C at D for
- 62 Their goal had always been to reach the of Mount Everest.
A crown B point C summit D head
- 63 These workshops are designed to listening and speaking skills.
A grow B create C develop D plant
- 64 Many patients complained that they didn't receive the proper medical they needed.
A behaviour C action
B attitude D treatment
- 65 Mary decided to consider the proposal that was put to her a few days ago.
A forward B front C first D ahead
- 66 The police are still the cause of the explosion which damaged five cars.
A investigating C considering
B researching D exploring
- 67 Not is John a good writer, he is also a good singer.
A simply B just C even D only
- 68 He decided to invest the of his money in property.
A remains B rest C others D all
- 69 The book discusses how we could be more in managing our time.
A effective C energetic
B adequate D able
- 70 His job spending a lot of time travelling.
A involves C covers
B implies D consists
- 71 Some companies offer courses as a of training their staff.
A pattern B means C type D design
- 72 She did not want him to jump the conclusion that it was all her fault.
A to B of C for D at
- 73 This amazing collection of poems first saw the of day in 1980.
A morning B broad C light D break
- 74 I started typing my paper and the thing I knew, my computer broke down.
A next C additional
B following D previous

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- 75 Maria Callas became one of the best opera singers of her day.
A understood C liked
B known D popular
- 76 She was looking the mail when the phone rang.
A towards B through C up D on
- 77 Everybody, myself, had been looking forward to the concert.
A also B involved C included D too
- 78 He works here temporarily but has plans to open his own business.
A finally C soon
B eventually D really
- 79 The cost of airline tickets has gone by as much as 25% since January.
A by B in C up D under
- 80 All track events will be in the new Olympic stadium.
A stored B made C kept D held
- 81 He gained experience working as a volunteer in Africa.
A deserving C worthy
B admirable D invaluable
- 82 It never to amaze me how babies learn to communicate.
A stops B finishes C ceases D ends
- 83 Those old buildings are dangerous and should be down.
A knocked C brought
B pushed D wrecked
- 84 It is a fact that this kind of snake bite rarely fatal.
A grows B turns C emerges D proves
- 85 Eating a large breakfast allowed her to go lunch.
A up B away C without D off
- 86 There is very little that he will pass the exam.
A opportunity C opening
B chance D probability
- 87 What she likes about travelling is meeting new people.
A great B most C much D lot
- 88 "What of shampoo do you use?" Martha asked Jan.
A brand B label C mark D tag
- 89 Julia shares all the with her husband, including the cooking and the ironing.
A household C housework
B homeland D homework
- 90 It was such a small car that it could only two people.
A include B embrace C contain D hold
- 91 When my sister and I were young children, our father used to us on his shoulders.
A carry B take C bring D uphold
- 92 Do not the opportunity to see Hamlet at the National Theatre.
A fail B miss C lose D forget
- 93 My to London was delayed so I had to hang around the airport for three hours.
A ride B tour C flight D voyage
- 94 He asked his friends to a good dentist.
A recommend C prescribe
B advise D counsel
- 95 Becky mentioned something about setting her own catering company.
A up B in C off D around
- 96 The police have been trying for months to the whereabouts of the kidnapper.
A stalk B detect C trace D follow
- 97 The of the television set goes back more than 50 years.
A legend B story C history D age
- 98 This year's winter fashion to women of all ages.
A attracts B appeals C takes D calls
- 99 I know for a that Pam hates Chinese food.
A fact B certain C sure D truth
- 100 We will your order before sending the goods.
A operate B process C measure D deal