

Section 2

Words easily confused

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

A look see watch notice regard stare glance observe

- We spent weeks in Africa _____ the way lions catch their prey.
- Did you _____ the tie he was wearing? It had pink elephants on it!
- The students _____ the new teacher with curiosity.
- Always _____ left and then right before crossing the road.
- Don't _____ at people like that! It's really rude.
- I _____ a great science fiction film last night.
- Before I bought the magazine, I _____ through it quickly.
- I couldn't help _____ the big red spots on his face.
- Bill _____ at his watch and started running. He was late for school.

B find out invent discover detect

- Many serious illnesses may be cured if they are _____ early enough.
- "We must _____ as much as we can about the gang," said the detective.
- Was it Captain Cook who _____ Australia?
- The first camera, the Kodak 1, was _____ by G. Eastman in 1888.

C explore investigate look for look up (do) research

- The police came to _____ the murder immediately.
- I still have _____ to do for my project on sharks.
- I must _____ this word in the dictionary, because I don't remember what it means.
- Mum, I'm _____ my trainers. Have you seen them?
- As soon as the five friends got to the cave, they decided to _____ it.

D attempt effort trial experiment

- It takes a lot of _____ and patience to learn how to play a musical instrument.
- John's case came to _____ and in the end he was found innocent.
- The athlete failed in his last _____ to break the world record.
- Many cosmetic companies claim they don't carry out _____ on animals.
- I worked for the company for a(n) _____ period of two weeks before I was fully employed.