



## COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

### I Complete the sentences using each verb once in the correct tense.

1. miss / lose  
a) You'll have to hurry or you'll \_\_\_\_\_ the train.  
b) I \_\_\_\_\_ my bag. I think I left it on the bus.
2. teach / learn  
a) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ me to play football.  
b) I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of Spanish when I visited Madrid.
3. borrow / lend  
a) Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me some money, please?  
b) Can I \_\_\_\_\_ your pencil, please?
4. book / hire  
a) It's a good idea to \_\_\_\_\_ a room as it's a popular hotel.  
b) My parents are going to \_\_\_\_\_ a car because our house is a long way from the beach.
5. lay / lie  
a) Nick had taken off his coat and \_\_\_\_\_ it across the arm of the chair.  
b) Go and \_\_\_\_\_ on the bed until you feel better.
6. impress / express  
a) Jane \_\_\_\_\_ her interviewer so much that she was offered the job immediately.  
b) Some people find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ their emotions.
7. inspire / expire  
a) I'm afraid your passport has \_\_\_\_\_ so you can't board the plane.  
b) Adam's teacher \_\_\_\_\_ him to take up a career in music.

### II Match the word to its definition, a or b

- career / job  
a) work that you do regularly to earn money \_\_\_\_\_  
b) a series of jobs in a particular area of work \_\_\_\_\_
2. humour / laughter  
a) what makes something funny or amusing \_\_\_\_\_  
b) sounds made to show you something is funny \_\_\_\_\_
3. habit / custom  
a) something done regularly \_\_\_\_\_  
b) a tradition or accepted way of doing something \_\_\_\_\_
4. intention / purpose  
a) what you plan to do \_\_\_\_\_  
b) reason for doing something \_\_\_\_\_
5. scenery/view  
a) a personal opinion, belief, or attitude about a particular subject \_\_\_\_\_  
b) the natural features of an area: valleys, rivers, mountains, forests... \_\_\_\_\_
6. couple / pair  
a) two things of the same type that belong together \_\_\_\_\_  
b) two people who are married or involved in a romantic relationship with each other \_\_\_\_\_