

## CONFUSED WORDS 1

### 1. ACCEPT / EXCEPT

1. I offered her an apology, but she wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. The museum is open daily \_\_\_\_\_ Mondays.
3. Everyone was there \_\_\_\_\_ for Sally.
4. The new telephones will \_\_\_\_\_ coins of any denomination.

### 2. ADVICE / ADVISE

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to see a doctor.
2. She didn't listen to her father's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I'm very grateful to you for your \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I really don't know what to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. AFFECT / EFFECT

1. The punishment had no \_\_\_\_\_ on him. As soon as he left the prison he began to steal again.
2. The new taxes will \_\_\_\_\_ the rich. They'll have to pay more.
3. The higher bus fares won't \_\_\_\_\_ me. I have a car.
4. The medicine had an immediate \_\_\_\_\_. I felt better at once.

### 4. ANYONE / ANY ONE / ANYWAY / ANY WAY

1. I love him \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ of these books you didn't like?
3. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ I can help you?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ can see that this is not right.

### 5. ANYTHING / EVERYTHING / ANYWHERE / EVERYWHERE

1. He has done \_\_\_\_\_ in his life.
2. You can use this card \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Have you seen my glasses \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. He never does \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

### 6. BESIDE / BESIDES

1. There is not much to do \_\_\_\_\_ setting the table.
2. There was a small table \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter and me, who else is coming to your party tonight ?
4. Sarah was \_\_\_\_\_ herself with joy, when Tom proposed to her.
5. It was too late to go to the cinema. \_\_\_\_\_, I was too busy.

### 7. BRING / TAKE / FETCH

1. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me to the station, please ?
2. You can \_\_\_\_\_ your wife to our party.
3. This glass has been used - please \_\_\_\_\_ me a clean one.
4. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ some milk when you come home ?
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ the dogs for a walk every morning.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ another chair from the dining room. (s.p.)

## 8. DESERT / DESSERT

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ed his wife and family for another woman.
2. If you make the main course, I'll make a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Banyuls is an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ wine.
4. They were lost in the Sahara \_\_\_\_\_ for several days.

## 9. ECONOMIC / ECONOMICAL

1. It's not very \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the lights on when you're not in the room.
2. Because of the recent strikes, the \_\_\_\_\_ situation of the country is very bad.
3. She's an economist. She's an expert in \_\_\_\_\_ matters.
4. It's a very \_\_\_\_\_ car. It uses very little petrol.

## 10. ACCESS / EXCESS

1. Senior students have \_\_\_\_\_ to the library at weekends.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ of enthusiasm is not always a good thing.
3. Hackers had complete \_\_\_\_\_ to the company files.
4. They both eat to \_\_\_\_\_.

## 11. AMONG / BETWEEN

1. I saw something lying \_\_\_\_\_ the wheels of the bus.
2. We found a little house hidden \_\_\_\_\_ the trees.
3. He shared his property \_\_\_\_\_ his wife, his daughter, and his sister.
4. How can you find anything \_\_\_\_\_ all these papers!.

## 12. AS / LIKE

1. Her hair was so soft it was just \_\_\_\_\_ silk.
2. Strong leaders, \_\_\_\_\_ Winston Churchill, are few and far between.
3. He worked for a long time \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher in Africa.
4. It could be used \_\_\_\_\_ evidence against him.

## 13. BEGIN / START

1. The book was very technical and I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to understand what it was about.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ off well, but I soon got bored.
3. Losing the contract was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the end of his career.
4. My car wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ this morning, so I had to come by bus..

## 14. CARE / MIND / MATTER

1. It doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ if you can't be here by 8 o'clock. We can start without you and you can join us later.
2. I really don't \_\_\_\_\_ what happens- I'm sick to death of it all.
3. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ if I opened the window?
4. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ to join us for dinner?
5. What really \_\_\_\_\_ is how hard you try.
6. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ having a dog in the house so long as it's clean.

## 15. DROP / FALL / SPILL

1. You have \_\_\_\_\_ some wine on the tablecloth. I hope I'll get the stain out!
2. Susie \_\_\_\_\_ her sunglasses into the fountain.

3. I was in such a hurry that I \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs and broke my leg.
4. It's no use crying over \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
5. John, could you give me a lift and \_\_\_\_\_ me at the bus station, please?
6. Poor Kathe \_\_\_\_\_ flat on her face in the mud.

## 16. EXPECT / HOPE

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ it won't rain this evening. We're going out for a late walk.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ that the guest house would have much better rooms.
3. He hasn't received his test mark yet, but he \_\_\_\_\_ he will do well.
4. He is a wise young man. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ him to change his mind?

## 17. ABILITY / CAPACITY

1. The health center serves all patients, regardless of their \_\_\_\_\_ to pay.
2. He has a great \_\_\_\_\_ for remembering facts.
3. It takes hard work and natural \_\_\_\_\_ to make it as a professional athlete.
4. With her speaking skills, she has the \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the auditorium to its \_\_\_\_\_.

## 18. ADAPT / ADOPT

1. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ our plans to fit Jack's timetable.
2. I think it's time to \_\_\_\_\_ a different strategy in my dealings with him.
3. There is no English equivalent for 'bon appetit' so we have \_\_\_\_\_ the French expression.
4. It took me a while to \_\_\_\_\_ to the new job.

## 19. AMUSE / ENJOY / ENTERTAIN

1. I want to travel because I \_\_\_\_\_ meeting people and seeing new places.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves by watching the passers-by. (s. past)
3. I've brought an article from yesterday's paper that I thought might \_\_\_\_\_ you.
4. We hired a magician to \_\_\_\_\_ the children.
5. Time passes quickly when you're \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.
6. The crowd was \_\_\_\_\_ with a display of aerobatics.

## 20. APPRECIABLE / APPRECIATIVE

1. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ drop in temperature last night.
2. It's nice to have an \_\_\_\_\_ audience.
3. My little donation will not make an \_\_\_\_\_ difference.
4. I'm very \_\_\_\_\_ of all the support you've given me.

## 21. CANCEL / DELAY / PUT OFF

1. Can we \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting until tomorrow, please? I'm very busy today.
2. The original orders were \_\_\_\_\_ and I was given fresh instructions.
3. The plane was \_\_\_\_\_ by an hour due to a blizzard.
4. The concert has been \_\_\_\_\_ owing to lack of support.
5. We are \_\_\_\_\_ our trip until January because of the hurricane.
6. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ for about five hours.

## 22. COMFORTABLE / CONVENIENT

1. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ with the idea of leaving her on her own.

2. My new flat is just around the corner from my office, which is very \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I find it \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to do my banking online.
4. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ or shall I turn the heat down?

### 23. CONFIDANT / CONFIDENT

1. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ that enough people will attend the event?
2. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ and practised speaker who always impresses her audience.
3. My mother has always been my \_\_\_\_\_. I can talk to her about everything.
4. Colonel House was a friend and \_\_\_\_\_ of President Woodrow Wilson.

### 24. DECENT / DESCEND / DESCENT / DISSENT

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sweeping staircase into the crowd of photographers and journalists. (s.past)
2. All I need is a roof over my head and a \_\_\_\_\_ meal.
3. We weren't prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ of thousands of journalists on the town.
4. Anyone wishing to \_\_\_\_\_ from the motion should now raise their hand.
5. Sam was a \_\_\_\_\_ man. Everyone liked how kind he was.
6. Last year John made a \_\_\_\_\_ from Mount Kilimanjaro. When he got home there was much \_\_\_\_\_ from the university students about air pollution.

### 25. DEVICE / DEVISE

1. The cartoon characters Snoopy and Charlie Brown were \_\_\_\_\_ by Charles M. Schultz.
2. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ that switches the lights on at a preset time in the evening.
3. The umbrella was ingeniously \_\_\_\_\_ to fold up into your pocket.
4. A trademark can be a powerful marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

### 26. EARN / GAIN / WIN

1. I've \_\_\_\_\_ five pounds since I stopped exercising.
2. How much do you \_\_\_\_\_, if you don't mind me asking?
3. What do you hope to \_\_\_\_\_ from the course?
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ the award for best actor, and deservedly so.
5. It's been a tough six months and I feel I've \_\_\_\_\_ a few weeks off.
6. Choose the correct item.

### 27. EMIGRATE / IMMIGRATE

1. Millions of Germans \_\_\_\_\_ from Europe to America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ with his parents in 1895 and grew up on Long Island.
3. New Zealanders who \_\_\_\_\_ to Australia raise the IQ of both countries.
4. People say there's no quality of life in Russia, and everyone wants to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 28. FARTHER / FURTHER

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ information, please ring 075-6720290.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ I go, the more I miss my home.
3. He could see a small boat on the \_\_\_\_\_ shore.
4. Before you look at your programme, let me explain a little \_\_\_\_\_.