

# Confusing verbs

## VOCABULARY BANK

a Match the verbs and photos.

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| 2 <b>wear</b> /weə/<br>jewellery<br>clothes                                | <b>carry</b> /ˈkæri/<br>a bag<br>a baby                                 |
| <b>win</b> /wɪn/<br>a match<br>a medal<br>a prize                          | <b>earn</b> /ɜːn/<br>a salary<br>money                                  |
| <b>know</b> /nəʊ/<br>somebody well<br>something                            | <b>meet</b> /miːt/<br>somebody for the first time<br>at 11 o'clock      |
| 1 <b>hope</b> /həʊp/<br>that something good will happen<br>to do sth       | <b>wait</b> /weɪt/<br>for a bus<br>for a long time                      |
| <b>watch</b> /wɒtʃ/<br>TV<br>a match                                       | <b>look at</b> /lʊk æt/<br>a photo<br>a view                            |
| <b>look</b> /lʊk/<br>happy<br>about 25 years old                           | <b>look like</b> /lʊk laɪk/<br>your mother<br>a model                   |
| <b>miss</b> /mɪs/<br>the bus<br>a class                                    | <b>lose</b> /luːz/<br>a match<br>your glasses                           |
| <b>bring</b> /brɪŋ/<br>your dictionary (to class)<br>sth back from holiday | <b>take</b> /teɪk/<br>an umbrella (with you)<br>your children to school |
| <b>look for</b> /lʊk fɔː/<br>your glasses<br>a job                         | <b>find</b> /faɪnd/<br>your glasses<br>a job                            |
| <b>say</b> /seɪ/<br>sorry<br>hello<br>something to sb                      | <b>tell</b> /tel/<br>a joke<br>a lie<br>somebody something              |
| <b>lend</b> /lend/<br>money to sb  | <b>borrow</b> /ˈbɒrɒ/<br>money from sb                                  |
| <b>hear</b> /hɪə/<br>a noise<br>the doorbell                               | <b>listen to</b> /ˈlɪsn tə/<br>music<br>the radio                       |



b Circle the correct verb. Then answer the questions

- Who do you look / look like in your family?
- How many English classes have you missed / lost this year?
- What music do you like hearing / listening to in the car?
- Do you think football players win / earn too much money?
- What is the best way to know / meet new friends?
- Is it sometimes OK to say / tell a lie?
- Have you ever lent / borrowed money to a family member?
- Do you know anyone who's looking for / finding a flat?
- What clothes do you usually carry / wear during the week?
- Do you ever look at / watch films on your phone?

c Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.



- a She's carrying a coat.
- b She's wearing a coat.

carrying earns found heard  
listened to looking at looking for  
watching wearing wins



- 2 a He's \_\_\_\_\_ a picture.  
b He's \_\_\_\_\_ TV.



- 3 a She's \_\_\_\_\_ her keys.  
b She's \_\_\_\_\_ her keys.



- 4 a He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of matches.  
b He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money.



- 5 a We \_\_\_\_\_ the ambulance.  
b We \_\_\_\_\_ the radio.

### Homophones

Homophones are words with different spellings, but the same pronunciation. Some of the confusing verbs in 4 are homophones, e.g. I can't **hear** you. Please come **here**.

### f Listen to the pairs of sentences, and complete sentence b with a homophone of the **bold** word.

- 1 a What are you going to **wear** tonight?  
b A \_\_\_\_\_ are you from? B I'm from Warsaw.
- 2 a I don't **know** what to do.  
b There's \_\_\_\_\_ milk in the fridge!
- 3 a Hi. Nice to **meet** you.  
b Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ or fish?
- 4 a The maximum **weight** for hand luggage is ten kilos.  
b I'm coming! \_\_\_\_\_ for me!
- 5 a Please **write** soon.  
b Is it on the left or on the \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 a There's only **one** ticket left.  
b Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ the match 5-1.
- 7 a I can't **see** the board!  
b I love swimming in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 a Have you ever read **War** and Peace?  
b It was cold, so she \_\_\_\_\_ a coat.



### d Complete the sentences with the **bold** verbs in the correct tense.

#### 1 look, look like

You **look** \_\_\_\_\_ very smart in that suit. In fact, you **look like** a businessman!

#### 2 miss, lose

I \_\_\_\_\_ my ticket and had to buy another one, so I \_\_\_\_\_ the train.

#### 3 say, tell

My son doesn't often \_\_\_\_\_ lies, but if he does, he always \_\_\_\_\_ sorry.

#### 4 hope, wait

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus. I \_\_\_\_\_ it'll come soon because it's raining.

#### 5 know, meet

Laura \_\_\_\_\_ Sam on a safari last summer, so she's \_\_\_\_\_ him for a year now.

#### 6 borrow, lend

If you need to \_\_\_\_\_ some money, I can \_\_\_\_\_ you £50.

#### 7 bring, take

I can \_\_\_\_\_ you to the shopping centre, but I can't \_\_\_\_\_ you home.

### e Complete the questions with a verb from c or d in the correct tense. Answer the questions

- 1 What will you do if there's nothing to **watch** \_\_\_\_\_ on TV tonight?
- 2 Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ something important and then found it? What was it?
- 3 How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ old photos?
- 4 What kind of music do you \_\_\_\_\_ to?
- 5 Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ a prize? What for?



### g Listen and tick (✓) the words you hear.

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| 2 where | <input type="checkbox"/>            | wear | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 meat  | <input type="checkbox"/> | meet   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 sea   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | see  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 wait  | <input type="checkbox"/> | weight | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 war   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | wore | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 one   | <input type="checkbox"/> | won    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### h Listen and write four sentences. Then practise saying them.

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