

CONFUSED WORDS WITH L.

LAPS / LAPSE

1. I can remember sitting in their _____, their arms around my waist, their hands resting on my thigh.
2. On Friday he showed neither decency nor dignity. It was an uncommon _____.
3. The water _____ against the pillars of the boathouse.
4. It is an absolute disgrace the condition that our hospitals have been allowed to _____ into.
5. The race car driver had a _____ in memory and couldn't remember how many _____ he had completed.

LAST / LATEST / LATTER

1. You can go there either by plane or train. The _____ costs less.
2. The next meeting will be held in the _____ week in June.
3. His _____ film is one of the funniest he's ever made.
4. The _____ version of their graphics package was handed out today.
5. Total profit was £550 million in the _____ half of 2003.
6. I swear this is the _____ cigarette I will ever smoke.

LEARN / TEACH / STUDY

1. His mother _____ at the university in Oxford.
2. You have to _____ to listen to your inner voice.
3. Your English will improve a lot, if you _____ every day.
4. Can you please _____ me how to make a cake ?
5. She wants to _____ how to swim.

LEND / BORROW

1. I can _____ you my car for the weekend.
2. She used to _____ money and not bother to pay it back.
3. He _____ a novel from the library.
4. He doesn't like _____ ing his books.

LEND / LOAN

1. If you need a coat, I can _____ you one.
2. Thank you very much for the _____ of your umbrella.
3. The bank refuses to _____ to students.
4. She's trying to get a _____ to start her own business.

LIABLE / LIKELY

1. It's _____ that it will snow tomorrow; it's very cold.
2. The car is _____ to overheat on long trips.
3. Children who live in the country's rural areas are very _____ to be poor.
4. If you don't take care of yourself, you're _____ to get sick.

LIABLE / LIBEL

1. One cannot say what one likes about people or institutions because one cannot _____ anyone.
2. The law holds parents _____ if a child does not attend school.
3. The areas of town near the river are _____ to flooding.
4. She threatened to sue the magazine for _____.

LICENCE / LICENSE

1. This restaurant is _____ to sell alcohol.

2. As parents they allowed their children very little _____.
3. He was copped for driving without a _____ last week.
4. Edward didn't have a fishing _____ - the council had decided not to _____ anyone new this year to conserve stocks.

LIE / LIE / LAY (fill in simple past forms only)

1. The snow _____ thick on the hills.
2. Trudy _____ five eggs last week.
3. The theft _____ heavy on his conscience.
4. I suspect he _____ about his age.
5. He _____ his hand on my shoulder.

LINEAMENT / LINIMENT

1. Oil of wintergreen, also known as methyl salicylate, is a time-honoured rub or _____ used for sprains, strains, aches, pains and arthritis.
2. Their final powerful lines reduced to _____ around the eyes.
3. If you experience such a symptom, there is no point in ignoring it or rubbing _____ in the belief that it is a muscle pain.
4. His vanity is a _____ in his character which had entirely escaped me.

LIVE / LIFE

1. The concert was broadcast _____ on the Internet.
2. Ocean _____ is being threatened by global warming.
3. I _____ with my parents in London.
4. He touched a _____ wire and got an electric shock.

LIVE / STAY

1. When I was younger I _____ in Scotland, but now I am living in Germany.
2. Where did you _____ while you were at the conference?
3. When I first moved to Scotland I _____ with friends until I found a place to live.
4. She has been _____ in Britain for nine years and is studying at Portsmouth University.

LOATH / LOATHE

1. She is _____ to give up her hard-earned liberty.
2. "Do you like fish?" "No, I _____ it."
3. They were _____ to admit their mistake.
4. The two men _____ each other.

LOOK AFTER / LOOK BACK / LOOK FORWARD

1. If you look _____ your clothes they last a lot longer.
2. I'm looking _____ to seeing you all next month.
3. When you look _____ on this in a year or two, it won't seem so bad.
4. In the circumstances, I look _____ to receiving your cheque within the next seven days.
5. He looked _____ on his time as president with pride.
6. I think looking _____ her elderly mother is quite a drain on her energy.

LOOK / WATCH / SEE

1. There is a scary man outside _____ ing my house.
2. I can't _____ any fruit juice in the fridge.
3. He _____ ed at his daughter with pride in his eyes.
4. She was _____ out of the window.

5. Football is very popular and many people go and _____ matches on Sunday.

6. Did you _____ the advert in the newspaper ?

LOSE / LOOSE

1. Look after that money, or you'll _____ it.

2. That screw is a bit _____. You'd better tighten it.

3. The opposite of 'to find' is to _____.

4. I tied the dog to a tree but it got _____ and ran away

LOSE / MISS

1. If you move to Italy, I'll _____ you so much!

2. I've _____ my wallet. I've been looking for it since yesterday.

3. You've just _____ the midnight train. Sorry!

4. John _____ some lessons because he sometimes has to go to hospital.

5. I _____ my friends at the concert and I couldn't find them anywhere.

LOW / SHORT

1. Joseph is quite _____, but his brothers are both really tall.

2. We have a sofa, two armchairs and a _____ table.

3. It's not fashionable to wear _____ skirts at the moment.

4. The wall is too _____, we need to make it higher so the dog can't get out.

LUXURIANT / LUXURIOUS

1. I've always wanted to drive big _____ cars.

2. Her _____ hair fell around her shoulders.

3. We've bought a wonderfully _____ carpet for our bedroom.

4. We spent a _____ weekend at a country hotel.

MAIN / MANE

1. One of the _____ reasons I came to England was to study the language.

2. The painting depicts a beautiful young man with a flowing _____ of red hair.

3. The horse was rushing about in the field, tossing its _____.

4. You'll be examined in three _____ areas; speaking, listening and reading comprehension.

MAIZE / MAZE

1. In Britain, this flour usually goes under the name of _____ meal.

2. The old part of the town was a _____ of narrow passages.

3. The villagers grow coffee and _____ to sell in the market.

4. The kids got lost in the _____ that was created in a _____ field.

5. It's almost impossible to get through the _____ of bureaucracy.

MAJOR / MAYOR

1. His father was a _____ in the Scots Guard.

2. He became the first directly elected _____ of London in 2001.

3. Citrus fruits are a _____ source of vitamin C.

4. What is your _____, English or French?

MALEVOLENT / MALICIOUS / MALIGNANT

1. There is also concern over infective and _____ complications.

2. The central character is a _____ witch out for revenge.

3. He complained that he'd been receiving _____ phone calls.

4. I could feel his _____ gaze as I walked away.

5. All viruses are _____, nasty little programs written by misguided people.