

CONFUSED WORDS WITH S-W

SANE / SEINE

1. The fishermen use a _____ net in this fishery to encircle the tuna like a fence.
2. Success depended on dragging the _____ close to the bottom and banks and closing it before fish escaped.
3. In the doctor's opinion he was _____ at the time of the murder.
4. The only thing which keeps me _____ after a hard day in the office is jogging!

SAT / SEAT / SET / SIT

1. We're not in a position to _____ any conditions - we'll have to accept what they offer us.
2. After I've _____ my exams, I'm going on holiday.
3. The _____ of government in the US is in Washington, DC.
4. I'm feeling rather tired, so I think I'll _____ out the next dance.
5. The committee _____ to hear the arguments for and against the plan.
6. The _____ of those trousers looks a little tight. Do you want to try a larger size?
7. I don't know why he thinks he can _____ in judgment over us like that.
8. "West Side Story" is _____ in New York City in the late 1950s.

SAY / TELL

1. My boss _____ me to work harder. (past s.)
2. Lisa _____ that she works in an office.
3. _____ your brother why you lied to him.
4. She _____ she probably lost her purse in the department store. (past s.)
5. How do I know ? I can't _____ the future.

SCENERY / VIEW

1. They stopped at the top of the hill to admire the _____.
2. The cloud lifted, and the tops of the mountains suddenly came into _____.
3. This postcard doesn't do justice to the wonderful _____.
4. The _____ from the top of the mountain is breathtaking.

SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE

1. I am very _____ to cold. I prefer warm temperatures.
2. Of course what you say is right. Any _____ person would agree with you.
3. This seems to be a _____ way of dealing with the problem.
4. Her reply showed that she was very _____ to criticism.

SETTLER / SETTLOR

1. In New Zealand, European blackberries introduced by white _____ are common.
2. The _____, having established the trust has no power thereafter to amend.
3. Colonial _____ generally come to a country with which they have no previous connection.
4. Accordingly any benefits derived by the _____ were not derived from the interests given.

SHADE / SHADOW

1. Would you like to eat in the sun or in the _____?
2. The _____ of the trees slowly move across the lawn.
3. Our dog like to chase its own _____.
4. It's much too hot. Let's go and sit in the _____ for a while.

SHONE / SHOWN

1. There was a rumour that the first trailer for the film would be _____, but no such luck.
2. With the determination she's _____ in the last few months, she's proved nothing's impossible.

3. It was foggy and the sun _____ feebly through the murk.
4. They have _____ that the great white shark is not a mindless killer, and its positive profile is now higher than ever.
5. Her love of the English language was always evident and _____ through her many and varied readings.

SHORTAGE / SHORTNESS

1. The disease may cause sweating, nausea, vomiting, and _____ of breath.
2. There's a _____ of food and shelter in the refugee camps.
3. The long hot summer has led to serious water _____.
4. Because of the _____ of time, question 4 remained unanswered.

SIMPLE / SIMPLISTIC

1. I know that sounds _____, but it's hard to describe in more complex terms!
2. We didn't go swimming for the _____ reason that the water was too cold.
3. It is _____ to treat strategic choice just as the logical comparison of strategic options.
4. Encyclopaedias on CD-ROM include sound, illustrations and _____ animations.

SOLE / SOUL

1. My _____ objective is to make the information more widely available.
2. I have a sense that we all do have a _____.
3. They were fishing for _____.
4. By the time I arrived there wasn't a _____ there.
5. I have _____ charge of both children all day.

SPEAK / TALK

1. She _____ several languages.
2. He has been _____ about the new film for over an hour.
3. There's a serious problem- I think we should _____.
4. He had a sore throat, so he was unable to _____.

STATIONARY / STATIONERY

1. The traffic got slower and slower until it was _____.
2. The _____ supplies are kept in that cupboard over there.
3. The motorcyclist collided with a _____ van.
4. I found these Christmas cards at our local _____ shop.

STRAIGHT / STRAIT

1. You bought the tickets, so if I pay for the taxi, we'll be _____.
2. So many companies are in such dire _____ that their prices have come right down.
3. Perhaps the deep-sea corals thrive better on the other side of the _____?
4. Let's get this _____ - you're travelling to Frankfurt on Monday and Brussels on Tuesday, is that correct?
5. Attempting to turn gays _____ is no less ludicrous than attempting to turn _____ gay.'

SUBSTITUTE / SUBSTITUTION

1. It looks as though the coach is going to make a _____.
2. Vitamins should not be used as a _____ for a healthy diet.
3. You can read about other countries, but there's no _____ for visiting them yourself.
4. There is no other member of the club who can currently replace him, and that showed after his _____.

SUIT / SUITE / SWEET

1. The city lifestyle seems to _____ her - she looks great.

2. We're having a new bathroom _____ fitted at the weekend.

3. It was really _____ of the hotel to upgrade the married couple to the honeymoon _____ for free.

4. I won't buy this _____. I don't like the colour. All right, _____ yourself!

5. She was enjoying the _____ smell of success.

SUMMARY / SUMMARY

1. At the end of the news, they often give you a _____ of the main stories.

2. Clare walked by looking very _____ in a pale blue sundress.

3. There is no doubt that some considered that a beating was no more than _____ justice.

4. That, and the _____ weather on a winter day, contributed to everyone's good mood.

TESTAMENT / TESTIMONY

1. Some doubts have been expressed about his _____.

2. The detail of her wildlife paintings is a _____ to her powers of observation.

3. The reports are _____ to the many hours of research completed by this committee.

4. This article will give clear instructions for making a last will and _____.

THEN / THAN

1. We sold more products _____ we did last year.

2. This project is more challenging _____ I thought.

3. If he is sick, _____ you will have to go to the meeting.

4. Do your homework, _____ you can play.

TORTUOUS / TORTUROUS

1. They had a _____ five days of fitness training.

2. The travellers took a _____ route.

3. On the other hand, however, he wouldn't have to continue with that _____ pain anymore.

4. Varicose veins are _____, twisted, or lengthened veins.

TROOP / TROUPE

1. Satellite photographs provide us with a lot of information about their _____ movements.

2. A _____ of dancers from Beijing is one of the leading attractions in the festival.

3. Amy was aware of the little _____ of travellers watching the two of them.

4. We are up here to be entertained by a _____ of actors telling the story of these ancient stones.

UNDER / BELOW

1. He collapsed 200 metres _____ the summit.

2. The photo was hidden _____ the mattress.

3. The moon disappeared _____ the horizon.

4. This car can go from nought to sixty in _____ five seconds.

URBAN / URBANE

1. Do you enjoy _____ life, or would you prefer to live in the country?

2. Herschel was an _____, kindly, and generous man.

3. In conversation, he was suave and _____.

4. The speed limit is strictly enforced on _____ roads.

VAIN / VANE / VEIN

1. He was so _____, he would change his clothes three times a day.

2. They staunched the flow of blood from his _____.

3. The _____ on one side of the feather's spine was wider than the one on the other.

4. He sighed, and traced a _____ in the table wood before answering, and it was obvious this came hard for him.

5. Any wind capable of turning the _____ which keeps the mouth of the tube facing the wind is capable of registration

6. All the police's efforts to find him were in _____.

VARIANCE / VARIANTS

1. There are many colas on the market now, all _____ on the original drink.

2. There has been some unusual _____ in temperature this month.

3. Young people's reactions to world events are often at _____ with those of their parents.

4. There are four _____ of malaria, all transmitted to humans by a particular family of mosquitoes.

VARY / VERY

1. We were at the _____ end of the queue, so we didn't manage to get any tickets.

2. Some people give a regular monthly donation while others _____ the amount they give.

3. The letter was sent on Monday from Berlin and arrived in Hamburg the _____ next day.

4. Prices _____ greatly depending on the time of year and type of accommodation.

VENAL / VENIAL

1. Luckily, the production is strong enough elsewhere for this to remain a _____ sin.

2. They are accused of being involved in _____ practices.

3. He regarded publishers, agents and reviewers as stupid and _____.

4. The teacher did not take off points for the _____ errors in my paper.

WAIST / WASTE

1. His _____ continued to grow and grow, but no food was allowed to _____ I his house.

2. It's not worth while. I don't _____ breath on that!

3. She worries too much about her _____ line.

4. Reading English is not a _____ of time.

WAIL / WHALE

1. The tongue of the blue _____ is so big that 50 people can stand on it!

2. The women gathered around the coffin and began to _____, as was the custom in the region.

3. The end of the working day in the tea garden is marked by the _____ of an air-raid siren.

4. Another thousand dollars would make a _____ of a difference.

WAIVE / WAVE

1. He seems to think I can _____ a magic wand and everything will be all right.

2. The bank manager _____ the charge, as we were old and valued customers.

3. If she leaves her hair to dry on its own, it just _____ naturally.

4. William was about to speak again, but the old man _____ his efforts aside.'

WANDER / WONDER

1. I don't _____ she burst into tears after the way you spoke to her.

2. Halfway through the meeting, my mind started to _____.

3. My aunt says that eating an apple every day can do _____ for your health.

4. I lost my cat. I _____ where it is now. Probably _____ ing the streets.

WEATHER / WHETHER

1. I don't know _____ I should consult a doctor or not.

2. Their holiday was spoilt by bad _____.

3. She can't decide _____ she ought to marry him.

4. What's the _____ like? Is it sunny?.

WHICH / WITCH

1. _____ of these painting do you like best?

2. Dorothy didn't know _____ direction to go in order to get to the good _____.

3. Trees of _____ the leaves are bright green are often leafless in winter.

4. I don't believe a _____ doctor can cure people using magic.

WHITHER / WITHER

1. No one rises so high as he who knows not _____ he is going.

2. This country is in danger of allowing its industrial base to _____ away.

3. They asked people _____ they would emigrate.

4. Farmers in the Midwest have watched their crops _____

5. _____ because of drought conditions.

WHO'S / WHOSE

1. There was a picture in the paper of a man _____ house had been flooded.

2. _____ been using my computer ?

3. _____ your new business partner ?

4. _____ wallet is lying there on the floor ?

WIDELY / WIDESPREAD

1. Prices vary _____ from shop to shop.

2. There are reports of _____ flooding in northern France.

3. The incident has been _____ reported in the press.

4. The next 36 hours will be even colder with snow showers becoming more _____.