

Section 2

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-H below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A like alike unlike likely as same similar common

- 1 It's very _____ to see people asleep on the train when travelling to work. When I'm tired I do the _____.
- 2 My cousin John looks just _____ his father. They even have _____ habits.
- 3 Jonathan is very polite _____ his brother who is really rude.
- 4 Dora and Mary look _____ and often I can't tell one from the other.
- 5 He's as white _____ a ghost. It's very _____ that he is going to faint.
- 6 They are _____ to be late, so let's start eating dinner.

B suit fit match combine compare

- 1 You must _____ strength with will-power to become a successful weightlifter.
- 2 The red tie doesn't _____ you and it doesn't _____ your clothes either.
- 3 My trainers are too small and don't _____ me anymore.
- 4 You can't _____ a Ferrari to an ordinary car.

C punctual accurate correct exact sharp

- 1 The _____ answer to the maths problem is 2.43 not 2.53.
- 2 Be here at 8 o'clock _____, otherwise I'll leave without you.
- 3 Barometers are the most _____ way of measuring atmospheric pressure.
- 4 Jason is a very _____ person. He is never late.
- 5 The _____ distance from Burwood to the city centre is 17.4 km.

D remain reveal review revise relieve release

- 1 The journalist wouldn't _____ her source no matter how much pressure I put on her.
- 2 My family were _____ to hear that my grandfather's operation went well. He then had to _____ in hospital for four weeks before he could be _____.
- 3 We had to _____ all ten units for the maths test.
- 4 My editor asked me to _____ a new play by John Astor.
- 5 The 'New Rockers' have _____ their new album and the reviews have been excellent so far.

unit 14**E** outcome outdoor outfit outlet outsider

- 1 Bullfighting is fought in an _____ arena.
- 2 I bought an expensive _____ for the awards ceremony.
- 3 When Beth moved to her new school, she felt like an _____ until she became friends with a few girls.
- 4 The factory _____ sells shoes at cost price.
- 5 The _____ of the match was in favour of the home team.

F perfect ideal fine thorough detailed definite certain particular special sure

- 1 My _____ weight is 54 kilograms. At the moment I'm 61 kilograms, so I'm going on a diet.
- 2 The doctor gave her patient a(n) _____ check-up once a year.
- 3 My supervisor asked for a(n) _____ report concerning the new project we were doing.
- 4 This mirror will be _____ for our entrance hall. I'm _____ it will fit on the wall opposite the door.
- 5 I need a(n) _____ answer by tomorrow because I want to know for _____ how many people are coming to the restaurant.
- 6 The weather tomorrow will be _____ with a light breeze from the North.
- 7 The supermarket had a _____ offer on a(n) _____ brand of spaghetti that was very tasty.

G stand resist tolerate suffer

- 1 I don't like people who lie and cheat. I will not _____ such behaviour.
- 2 Many people _____ from allergies in spring.
- 3 I can't _____ chocolate cake when I see it in front of me.
- 4 I couldn't bear to watch my cat _____, so I asked the vet to put him down.
- 5 Kate can't _____ milk and never drinks it.

H offer provide supply cater

- 1 Peter _____ to take me home since it was raining.
- 2 Does this restaurant _____ for vegetarians?
- 3 The airline _____ lunch for the passengers of the delayed flight.
- 4 They _____ us home-made cookies.
- 5 The injured climbers were _____ with food and water until help arrived.

Derivatives

- In the previous units we dealt with derivatives which are formed according to certain rules. There are, however, some less predictable formations. The most common of these are:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
bear	birth	—
behave	behaviour	behavioural
choose	choice	choosy
complain	complaint	—
die	death	dead
hate	hatred	hateful
heat	heat	hot
laugh	laughter	—
lose	loss	lost
marry	marriage	married
pride	pride	proud
prove	proof	—
pursue	pursuit	—
relieve	relief	relieved
see	sight	—
sing	song	—
solve	solution	—
speak	speech	speechless
succeed	success	successful
think	thought	thoughtful
—	youth	young

- You may be asked to form an adjective or noun which derives from the name of a country or continent.
e.g. *England* → *English*
Europe → *European*
- Finally, you may be asked to derive an adverb or a pronoun ending in **-body**, **-one**, **-thing**, **-where**, **-how**, **-ever** or **-self**.
e.g. *some* → *somebody* *any* → *anyhow*
any → *anyone* *when* → *whenever*
every → *everything* *one* → *oneself*
else → *elsewhere*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold type.

- Janet was at a _____ for words when she saw the damage done to her car.
- My parents have had a long and happy _____.
- I need _____ to help me find the _____ documents, as I've looked _____ and can't find them.
- _____ people like to make _____ about London's _____ weather.
- He committed the crime out of racial _____.
- The father was _____ of his son's _____ to Cambridge.
- I can't stand the _____ of _____ animals!
- _____ we go, we manage to enjoy _____.
- Many people can't stand extreme _____.
- The _____ ambassador is giving a _____ tonight.

LOSE
MARRY
SOME, MISS
EVERY
BRITAIN, COMPLAIN
RAIN
HATE
PRIDE, ADMIT
SEE, DIE
WHERE, OUR
HOT
ITALY, SPEAK

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- 11 He _____ managed to find _____ that he was innocent.
- 12 The _____ of leaving my home town and going to live in the city filled me with _____ feelings, but I had made my _____.
- 13 His _____ was _____ and I'm never going to speak to him again.
- 14 It is commonly accepted that _____ is the best medicine for stress.
- 15 His _____ doesn't allow him to admit his faults.
- 16 The _____ crossed the _____ border.
- 17 It was such a _____ for her when she found her dog.
- 18 I believe that it's impossible to find a _____ to every problem.
- 19 They think very highly of _____ and prefer not to associate with _____ they consider inferior.
- 20 The _____ of your book will depend on how well you promote it.

SOME, PROVE
THINK
MIX, CHOOSE
BEHAVE, ACCEPT
LAUGH
PROUD
IMMIGRATE, MEXICO
RELIEVE
SOLVE
THEM
ANY
SUCCEED

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

A BIG DECISION



When Lucy (1) _____ that she was going to move abroad because she was bored (2) _____ her life, we weren't surprised. After all, she had been talking about moving to a warmer country for ages, one which would (3) _____ sun, sea and opportunities for outdoor activities. A country like Spain or Portugal would (4) _____ her just fine.

We took her even more seriously when she called (5) _____ an interview for a job she was sure of getting.

Of course, her parents were annoyed with her decision, but I had to admit that I sympathised with her. I had done something (6) _____ when I was her age, so I supported her all the way. I even helped her decide on a suitable destination.

It was near an ancient site which, given Lucy's academic background in archaeology, was (7) _____ for her. I (8) _____ her that in the beginning she would feel (9) _____ an (10) _____, but people from small towns are friendly and she wouldn't feel lonely for too long.

The time came for Lucy to depart. She wasn't sad, (11) _____ her parents who were crying and couldn't bear to see their daughter leaving. Seeing her parents cry made me feel responsible for what had happened. In the end, I (12) _____ for having encouraged Lucy to leave. To tell the truth, however, I'm glad to have influenced her decision to move abroad.

1	A announced	B told	C agreed	D claimed
2	A with	B for	C about	D at
3	A supply	B offer	C reveal	D cater
4	A fit	B suit	C combine	D match
5	A out	B up	C for	D off
6	A similar	B common	C same	D likely
7	A ideal	B special	C particular	D fine
8	A insisted	B explained	C said	D warned
9	A as	B alike	C like	D unlike
10	A outdoor	B outsider	C outcome	D outfit
11	A not alike	B unlikely	C not as	D unlike
12	A admitted	B denied	C apologised	D accused

B Complete the text below with the correct form of the words in capitals.

A TENNIS STAR IS BORN

(1) _____ the tennis star Richard Krajicek stepped onto the court, his opponent needed to prepare for one of the (2) _____ serves in the game. Krajicek was (3) _____ of his 220 km/h serve, since his (4) _____ on the court could be partly attributed to it.

Without doubt, Krajicek can be described as (5) _____ who was in pursuit of (6) _____. At Wimbledon in 1997, bad weather conditions didn't dampen his spirits. The only (7) _____ that went through his mind was that of holding the trophy. Krajicek had a lot of (8) _____ and beat his (9) _____ opponent three sets to love. Many considered Krajicek to be the next great (10) _____ tennis champion following in the footsteps of Boris Becker.

WHEN
FAST
PRIDE, SUCCEED

SOME
EXCEL
THINK
DETERMINE, AMERICA
EUROPE