

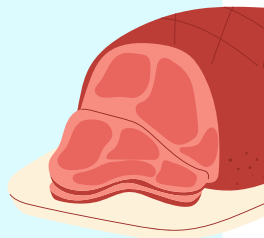
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EASILY CONFUSED PHRASES

Part A - Theory

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| 1. | aboard abroad | (adv) (adv)} | on or into a public vehicle away from one's country |
| 2. | accomplice colleague | (n) (n) | a person who helps one to do wrong a fellow worker |
| 3. | accept except | (v) (prep) | to take or receive something given not including |
| 4. | adapt adopt | (v) (v) | to change so as to suit new conditions to take and use as one's own |
| 5. | affect effect | (v) (n) | influence a result |
| 6. | already all ready | (adv) (phr) | before completely ready |
| 7. | allowance permission | (n) (n) | money provided for a special purpose agreement, consent |
| 8. | among between | (prep) (prep) | should be followed by three things or more should be followed by two things |
| 9. | arise arouse | (vi) (vt) | happen, appear to cause to become active |
| 10. | appliance equipment | (n) (n) | an instrument for a particular purpose (e.g. electrical appliances) the things needed to do something (e.g. office equipment) |
| 11. | atlas bulletin directory magazine | (n) (n) (n) (n) | a book of maps a short public official notice a book of names, facts etc. a book with a paper cover which contains writing, photographs, and ads |
| 12. | baking boiling cooking | (v) (v) (v) | baking cakes boiling water cooking food |
| 13. | barking roaring | (n) (n) | sound made by dogs sound made by lions |
| 14. | beat bit | (v) (v) | to hit with a stick (beat beat beaten) past tense of bite (bite bit bitten) |
| 15. | beef mutton pork | (n) (n) (n) | meat of cows meat of sheep meat of pigs |
| 16. | borrow lend | (v) (v) | receive something for a certain time with intention to return lend supply someone with something on condition that it will be returned |



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| 17. | careless cautious | (adj) (adj) | not taking care, inattentive cautious careful, paying attention |
| 18. | command commend comment commence | (n) (v) (n) (v) | order praise make a remark start |
| 19. | complementary complimentary | (adj) (adj) | something to complete given free of charge |
| 20. | customer client | (n) (n) | a person who buys goods from a shop a person who pays a professional for help |
| 21. | daily dairy diary | (adj) (adj) (n) | something's done every day a place where milk is kept and butter is made a book containing the daily events |
| 22. | damage spoil | (v) (v) | to cause harm to ruin |
| 23. | dying dyeing | (n) (n) | present participle of die present participle of dye, to give a colour |
| 24. | democratic socialist | (adj) (adj) | describing a government elected by the people aiming at public ownership of the country |
| 25. | dependant follower member supporter | (n) (n) (n) (n) | a person who depends on another for material support an admirer of some person a person belonging to a club, group a person who gives loyalty to an activity |
| 26. | dream nightmare | (n) (n) | images and feeling experienced during sleep a horrible and frightful dream |
| 27. | famous notorious | (adj) (adj) | well-known distinguished famous for something bad |
| 28. | find found | (v) (v) | to discover (find I found I found) to build or establish (found I founded I founded) |
| 29. | gang staff class team group | (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) | a group of robbers a group of workers a group of students a group of players a group of people |
| 30. | flight stack | (n) (n) | a flight of steps, stairs a stack of playing cards, dishes |
| 31. | immigrant refugee | (n) (n) | person comes into a foreign country as a permanent resident person who has left his home & seeks shelter elsewhere |
| 40. | illegal illegible | (adj) (adj) | (something) against the law (something) which cannot be read |

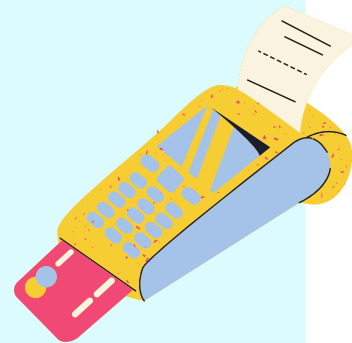


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| 41. | lack lack lacking | (v) (n) (adj) | e.g. Peter lacks teaching experience. e.g. Peter is in lack of teaching experience. e.g. Peter is lacking in teaching experience. |
| 42. | later latest | (adj) (adj) | happened after expected time the most recent |
| 43. | lie lay lie | (v) (v) (v) | to be in a flat position (lie lay lain) to place or to put (lay/ laid/ laid) to tell a lie (lie lied lied) |
| 44. | loan lend | (n) (v) | something which is lent to give someone something for a limited time |
| 45. | lose loose | (v) (adj) | fail to find not fastened |
| 46. | negligible negligent | (adj) (adj) | too small to be worth taking into account lacking in proper care or attention |
| 47. | nephew niece | (n) (n) | the son of one's brother or sister the daughter of one's brother or sister |
| 48. | pass past | (v) (adv) | succeed in an examination/test past beyond a point in time or space |
| 49. | practice practise | (n) (v) | repeated exercises practise do the repeated exercises |
| 50. | principal principle | (n) (n) | the headmaster of a school principle a fundamental law |
| 51. | raise rise | (vt) (vi) | to cause to move upward to move upward |
| 52. | receipt recipe | (n) (n) | a written statement that one has received money a set of instruction for cooking a dish |
| 53. | shame ashamed | (n) (adj) | painful feeling of the wrongness feeling shame because of something done |
| 54. | slim skinny thin | (adj) (adj) (adj) | attractively thin, not fat without much flesh, usually very ugly without much flesh, not attractive |
| 55. | some time sometimes | (n) (adv) | a period of time at times, now and then |
| 56. | staff stuff starve star | (n) (n) (v) (n) | the group of workers in an office things in a mass cause to die from lack of food a bright heavenly body far away |
| 57. | stationary stationery | (adj) (n) | not moving, standing still materials for writing (e.g. paper, ink) |
| 58. | waist waste | (n) (v) | the narrow part of the human body above the hips to use extravagantly |
| 59. | widow spinster | (n) (n) | a woman whose husband is dead an unmarried |



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Part A- Circle the correct words or phrases.



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care
careless



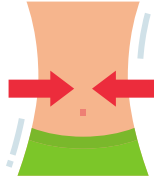
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care
careless



lie
lay
lain



dairy
diary
daily



waste
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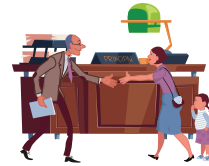
station
stationary
stationery



stare
star
starve
stuff



nightmare
nightdream
poor dream



principal
principle
principala
prince



Part B- Make a sentence using the following words.

1. later: _____
2. latest: _____
3. rise: _____
4. raise: _____
5. aboard: _____
6. abroad: _____
7. accept: _____
8. except: _____

Part C- Circle the correct answers.

1. The child ran down the _____ of stairs.

- a. stack
- b. floor
- c. flight
- d. group

2. If a country is ruled by a government elected by the people, it is called a _____ country.

- a. political
- b. popular
- c. socialist
- d. democratic

3. If a man has a wife and children that he supports, they are called his _____.

- a. supporters
- b. dependants
- c. members
- d. followers

4. Jane is _____ for her bad temper.

- a. well-known
- b. famous
- c. distinguished
- d. notorious

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Part D

Decide which of the choices given would best complete the sentence if inserted in the place marked _____.

1. I heard the lions _____ when I was visiting a zoo in Africa.

- a. shouting
- b. barking
- c. roaring
- d. screaming

2. Is it a long _____ from here to the bus-stop?

- a. street
- b. way
- c. road
- d. path

3. You need _____ water to make tea.

- a. cooking
- b. heating
- c. baking
- d. boiling

4. When Mr Wong kills a sheep, he always sends us a piece of _____.

- a. pork
- b. mutton
- c. beef
- d. ham

5. Although the weather was bad, the aeroplane safely _____.

- a. landed
- b. crashed
- c. reached
- d. dropped

6. A clock has a face and two _____.

- a. arms
- b. fingers
- c. hands
- d. legs

7. When I kicked the dog, it _____ me.

- a. beat
- b. bit
- c. bite
- d. bitten

8. Be quiet! Mother's head is

- a. aching
- b. ouching
- c. hurting
- d. painful

9. After I had finished my work, I _____ my pen on my desk.

- a. lie
- b. lay
- c. lain
- d. laid

10. If you want a _____ figure, you had better go on a diet.

- a. thin
- b. skinny
- c. slim
- d. thick

11. When there is no rain and the crops die, a lot of people would _____.

- a. staff
- b. stuff
- c. starve
- d. star

12. A _____ is a book in which a daily record of a person's life is kept.

- a. diary
- b. dairy
- c. daily
- d. dayly

13. A _____ is a horrible and frightful dream.

- a. sleep
- b. nightmare
- c. dream
- d. rest

14. A _____ is a woman whose husband is dead.

- a. window
- b. widow
- c. spinster
- d. virgin

15. A Yellow Page _____ is a book containing names, telephone numbers and addresses of people or business firms.

- a. atlas
- b. bulletin
- c. magazine
- d. directory

16. The robbery was carried out by a _____ of thieves.

- a. gang
- b. staff
- c. class
- d. team