

BRAIN GYM

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Words often confused # 1



Task 1

Fill in the following gaps with the correct form of the given sets of words. Sometimes you may need to change the form of the words.

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- a) A _____ is an area of land which is very dry and covered in sand.
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3. [meat • meal • meet]

- a) Let's stop on the way to eat a hot _____ . I'm starving!
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- c) Charlotte is a vegetarian, she can't stand any _____ , even fish.
- d) Will you _____ me before supper?

4. [sea • see • sow • saw]

- a) We dream of living by the _____ .
- b) 'Can I go to the overnight party?' 'We'll _____.'
- c) We haven't _____ each other for ages.
- d) She's going to _____ the radish in her garden in the spring time.
- e) Peter _____ all the planks of wood yesterday. I _____ it with my own eyes.

5. [lie • lay]

- a) I bought a hen to _____ healthy eggs for our family.
- b) She has _____ on the couch all morning.
- c) He's always _____ to us. He never tells the truth!
- d) At eleven o'clock she ate her supper, went upstairs, _____ down on the bed and went to sleep.
- e) Lara _____ the table and sliced the freshly baked loaf of bread.
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22. [accept • except]

- a) I don't need anything _____ for sun and blue sky.
- b) 'Will she _____ their apology?' 'I don't think so, she's really stubborn.'

23. [eel • ill]

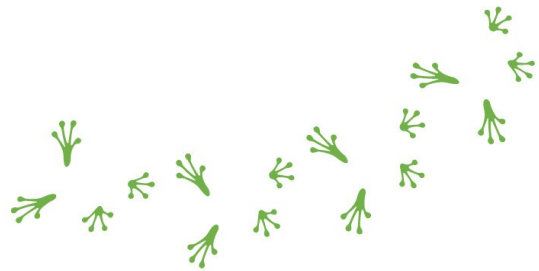
- a) Last weekend I went fishing and caught an enormous _____ in Lake Śniardwy.
- b) Oh Molly! Long time no see! Have you been _____ recently?

24. [fair • fare]

- a) Mum! It's not _____! Gabriel never loads the dishwasher.
- b) The bus _____ to the city centre is so high.

25. [cereal • serial]

- a) 'Outlander' is a television _____.
- b) Lucy loves eating _____ for breakfast.



26. [either • neither]

- a) I'm not particularly fussy. I can eat _____ scrambled eggs or sausages.
- b) _____ Zara nor Lilly has an ice-cream.

27. [laugh • love]

- a) Everybody _____ at my jokes. I should be a comedian.
- b) He used to _____ eating spinach, but he doesn't anymore.

28. [week • weak]

- a) The dog we found in the forest was too _____ to get into our car.
- b) It's been raining heavily the whole _____ now.

29. [teach • think]

- a) Have you ever _____ about living closer to nature?
- b) We were _____ maths by a very patient teacher.



30. [reign • rain]

- a) Elizabeth II was a queen who _____ for more than 70 years, the longest throughout British history.
- b) The _____ stopped then a beautiful rainbow appeared in the sky.

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31. [sense • since • science]

- a) He has worked at this petrol station _____ he turned eighteen.
- b) I like _____, especially biology and chemistry.
- c) Alice has a good _____ of humour.



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32. [brought • bought]

- a) What is it? What have you _____ with you? Yuk, it looks like a rotten mushroom.
- b) Yesterday I _____ the school science book, it cost \$15.

33. [frock • frog]

- a) A slimy green _____ jumped out of the pond.
- b) The _____ is too long. I will have to have it shortened.



34. [fewer • less]

- a) The older we get, the _____ food we eat.
- b) Today, _____ people live in the Bieszczady region than before.

35. [lonely • alone]

- a) Pippa lives on her own and sometimes feels a bit _____.
- b) Everybody needs to be _____ from time to time.

36. [shall • should]

- a) I have a splitting headache, I _____ take an aspirin.
- b) You look tired. _____ I cook dinner today?



37. [discourage • encourage]

- a) I'm sure when we visit her, she will _____ us to stay longer.
- b) Remember? They _____ us from installing LPG in our car. Why didn't we listen to them?

38. [weather • whether]

- a) Can you tell me _____ you are going with us or not?
- b) The _____ forecast for the upcoming weekend is superb! Let's go out of the city.



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Vocabulary

1. desert • dessert
2. borrow • lend
3. meat • meal • meet
4. sea • see • sow • saw
5. lie • lay
6. than • then
7. roots • roofs
8. solar • sunny
9. food • foot
10. hill • heel • hell
11. peace • piece
12. quiet • quite
13. waste • waist
14. chef • chief
15. your • you're
16. among • between
17. currant • current
18. lighten • thunder • lightning
19. pour • poor
20. hole • whole
21. peak • pick • peek
22. accept • except
23. eel • ill
24. fair • fare
25. cereal • serial
26. either • neither
27. laugh • love
28. week • weak
29. teach • think
30. reign • rain
31. sense • since • science
32. brought • bought
33. frock • frog
34. fewer • less
35. lonely • alone
36. shall • should
37. discourage • encourage
38. weather • whether
39. woman • women
40. dairy • diary
41. here • hare • hear
42. fast • first
43. bare • bear • beer • beard • bird
44. clothes • close • cloths • clouds
45. patience • patient
46. board • bored
47. wander • wonder
48. reach • rich
49. sick • seek
50. aisle • isle • ale • island
51. human • humane
52. course • curse
53. stationary • stationery
54. each • every
55. capable • able
56. other • another
57. sight • site
58. throw • through
59. allowed • aloud
60. warning • warming
61. beside • besides
62. choose • choice
63. already • all ready
64. so • such
65. passed • past
66. delay • delete
67. seat • sit
68. set • said
69. lose • loose • lost
70. them • they • they're • their • there
71. bring • fetch • take
72. come • go
73. want • went
74. wanted • missed
75. advise • advice • adventure
76. what's • wants
77. endangered • dangerous
78. to • two • too
79. who • whom
80. father • feather
81. tail • tale
82. crops • corpse • corps
83. sheep • ship
84. further • farther
85. plane • plain
86. pick • pick up
87. feel • fill
88. provide • pretend
89. ankle • uncle
90. fiancé • fiancée
91. employer • employee
92. café • coffee
93. receipt • bill • recipe
94. cuisine • kitchen
95. fee • fare • fine
96. through • across
97. drive • ride
98. involve • include
99. flower • flour • follower
100. breath • birth • breathe • bread

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ANSWER KEY

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- e) Lara **laid** the table and sliced the freshly baked loaf of bread.
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6. [than • then]

- a) Bella and I were best friends in primary school, but unfortunately, we haven't seen each other since **then**.
- b) Leo is shorter and thinner **than** Theo.