Commonly Confused Words

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: ____ / 40

Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?
   (a) An eminent judge chaired the inquiry.
   (b) The ingenious device cleans windows on its own.
   (c) The test was quiet easy.
   (d) We had kheer for dessert after dinner.

2. Which sentence uses the right word?
   (a) The weather is pleasant today.
   (b) The players returned to their respectful countries.
   (c) The data was split into discreet groups.
   (d) Are you trying to infer that I am lying?

3. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?
   (a) The country needs strong economical growth.
   (b) The trees were bare in winter.
   (c) The bus was stationary at the red light.
   (d) Please accept this small gift.

4. Which sentence uses the right word?
   (a) The library is a quiet place.
   (b) Flowers were placed on the alter.
   (c) A machine is immoral; it has no idea of right or wrong.
   (d) Camels can live in the dessert.

5. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?
   (a) This car is economical on fuel.
   (b) Please precede to gate number four.
   (c) Please be discreet and keep this news private.
   (d) The police seized illicit liquor.

6. Which sentence uses the right word?
   (a) Cheating the poor is amoral.
   (b) A bear was seen near the camp.
   (c) Many families immigrate from Kerala to the Gulf.
   (d) Copper is a better conductor than led.

7. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?

(a) Take a deep breath before you dive.

(b) The town council meets every month.

(c) Only a credulous person would believe that rumour.

(d) All hospital personal must wear name badges.

8. Which sentence uses the right word?

(a) She joined a coarse in computer coding.

(b) A diary is a personal book.

(c) The captain faced censor for his careless remarks.

(d) Camels adopt well to life in the desert.

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) My teacher gave me good ____ about the exam. (advice / advise) (b) The guide ____ us through the forest. (led / lead)

10. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) Doctors ____ patients to drink more water. (advice / advise) (b) The bus ____ went up by two rupees. (fair / fare)

11. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) The judge gave a ____ decision. (fare / fair) (b) He paid her a ____ on her singing. (complement / compliment)

12. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) The board may ____ violent scenes in the film. (censure / censor) (b) I wonder ____ it will rain. (weather / whether)

13. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) Honesty is a ____ he never breaks. (principle / principal) (b) Volunteers ____ for votes before the class-monitor election. (canvas / canvass)

14. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) The red border will ____ the white saree. (complement / compliment) (b) Everyone came ____ Rahul, who was ill. (accept / except)

15. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) Fish ____ through their gills. (breath / breathe) (b) Sandpaper has a ____ surface. (course / coarse)

16. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) You must ____ the source of your facts. (cite / site) (b) A ____ judge has nothing to gain from the case. (uninterested / disinterested)

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Write two sentences of your own to show the difference between “disinterested” and “uninterested”.

18. Write two sentences of your own to show the difference between “flaunt” and “flout”.

19. Choose the right word from the brackets for each sentence:
(1) Lack of sleep can ____ your memory. (affect / effect)
(2) From his silence, we can ____ that he agrees. (imply / infer)
(3) Workers arrived at the building ____ early. (cite / site)

20. Choose the right word from the brackets for each sentence:
(1) The lawyer will ____ her client. (council / counsel)
(2) The couple decided to ____ a baby girl. (adapt / adopt)
(3) The new rule had a good ____ on attendance. (affect / effect)

Want another sheet on this chapter? In the Ambiful Worksheets app every sheet is new, with its answer key, and your child never gets the same question twice.
Scan the code to get the free app, or open **worksheets.ambiful.com/get**

Answer key

Commonly Confused Words · AW-11E-CNF-2026-V1 · For parents — fold back or tear off before handing the sheet to your child.

Q	Answer	Working
1	**(c) The test was quiet easy.**	It should be “quite”, not “quiet”.
2	**(a) The weather is pleasant today.**	“weather” is right here.
3	**(a) The country needs strong economical growth.**	It should be “economic”, not “economical”.
4	**(a) The library is a quiet place.**	“quiet” is right here.
5	**(b) Please precede to gate number four.**	It should be “proceed”, not “precede”.
6	**(b) A bear was seen near the camp.**	“bear” is right here.
7	**(d) All hospital personal must wear name badges.**	It should be “personnel”, not “personal”.
8	**(b) A diary is a personal book.**	“personal” is right here.
9	**(a) advice (b) led**	—
10	**(a) advise (b) fare**	—
11	**(a) fair (b) compliment**	—
12	**(a) censor (b) whether**	—
13	**(a) principle (b) canvass**	—
14	**(a) complement (b) except**	—
15	**(a) breathe (b) coarse**	—
16	**(a) cite (b) disinterested**	—
17	**Sample: A disinterested judge has nothing to gain from the case. He was uninterested in the cricket match and fell asleep.**	Any two sentences that use each word correctly.
18	**Sample: He likes to flaunt his expensive watch. Drivers who flout traffic rules are fined.**	Any two sentences that use each word correctly.
19	**(1) affect (2) infer (3) site**	—
20	**(1) counsel (2) adopt (3) effect**	—