Commonly Confused Words

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

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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) Please accept this small gift.
(b) A diary is a personal book.
(c) May I have a peace of cake?
(d) She knew the answer to every question.

2. Which sentence uses the right word?

(a) I want to buy a new kite.
(b) A bare was seen near the camp.
(c) We had kheer for desert after dinner.
(d) Take a deep breathe before you dive.

3. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?

(a) The town counsel meets every month.
(b) Mr Rao has one son and two daughters.
(c) Turn right at the post office.
(d) The children left their bags in the classroom.

4. Which sentence uses the right word?

(a) The two villages lived in peace for years.
(b) It is wrong to steel from others.
(c) The judge gave a fare decision.
(d) I bought a knew pencil box.

5. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?

(a) The lawyer will counsel her client.
(b) Finish your work, than you can play.
(c) Camels can live in the desert.
(d) The new rule had a good effect on attendance.

6. Which sentence uses the right word?

(a) The bus fair went up by two rupees.
(b) The sun rises in the east.
(c) He paid her a complement on her singing.
(d) Fishermen go out to see before dawn.

7. Which sentence uses the WRONG word?

(a) Mix the flour with water to make dough.
(b) Let us meet at the bus stop at five.
(c) Pens and paper are sold at the stationery shop.
(d) Grandmother told us a tail about a clever fox.

8. Which sentence uses the right word?

(a) The rode to the village is full of potholes.

(b) The dog wagged its tail happily.

(c) Do not loose your ticket before the inspector checks it.

(d) You must site the source of your facts.

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

9. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) The cat licked ____ paw. (its / it's) (b) Did you ____ the rainbow this morning? (see / sea)

10. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) ____ raining, so take an umbrella. (its / it's) (b) Our ____ landed in Delhi on time. (plain / plane)

11. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) The cake was ____, with no icing. (plane / plain) (b) There are seven days in a ____. (weak / week)

12. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) This shirt is too ____ for me. (lose / loose) (b) The bus stopped ____ the school gate. (buy / by)

13. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) Come and sit ____ next to me. (here / hear) (b) The tailor will ____ the length of my trousers. (altar / alter)

14. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) After the fever, he felt ____ for days. (weak / week) (b) Put the box over ____, near the door. (their / there)

15. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) A sunflower is a big yellow ____. (flour / flower) (b) Meera ____ her bicycle to school. (road / rode)

16. Fill in each blank with the right word: (a) You must ____ a helmet on a scooter. (wear / where) (b) The library is a ____ place. (quite / quiet)

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

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

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

19. Choose the right word from the brackets for each sentence:
(1) Please bring ____ notebook tomorrow. (you're / your)
(2) Fish ____ through their gills. (breath / breathe)
(3) ____ did you keep my keys? (wear / where)

20. Choose the right word from the brackets for each sentence:
(1) The butcher sells chicken and goat ____. (meat / meet)
(2) Workers arrived at the building ____ early. (cite / site)
(3) Tell me when ____ ready to leave. (you're / your)

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(c) May I have a peace of cake?**	It should be “piece”, not “peace”.
2	**(a) I want to buy a new kite.**	“buy” is right here.
3	**(a) The town counsel meets every month.**	It should be “council”, not “counsel”.
4	**(a) The two villages lived in peace for years.**	“peace” is right here.
5	**(b) Finish your work, than you can play.**	It should be “then”, not “than”.
6	**(b) The sun rises in the east.**	“sun” is right here.
7	**(d) Grandmother told us a tail about a clever fox.**	It should be “tale”, not “tail”.
8	**(b) The dog wagged its tail happily.**	“tail” is right here.
9	**(a) its (b) see**	—
10	**(a) it's (b) plane**	—
11	**(a) plain (b) week**	—
12	**(a) loose (b) by**	—
13	**(a) here (b) alter**	—
14	**(a) weak (b) there**	—
15	**(a) flower (b) rode**	—
16	**(a) wear (b) quiet**	—
17	**Sample: The library is a quiet place. The test was quite easy.**	Any two sentences that use each word correctly.
18	**Sample: Copper is a better conductor than lead. The guide led us through the forest.**	Any two sentences that use each word correctly.
19	**(1) your (2) breathe (3) where**	—
20	**(1) meat (2) site (3) you're**	—

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