

# 18 Confusing words

Choose the correct word in each of the following sentences.

- 1 Although she was (crippled/lame) and thus confined to a wheelchair, she still managed to cope with a family and most of the housework.
- 2 The dress doesn't fit. I'll have to have it (changed/alterd).
- 3 If people must smoke in bed, then they should at least take the precaution of buying (non-flammable/inflammable) sheets and blankets.
- 4 Although my father has (deficient/defective) hearing, he still refuses to wear a hearing-aid.
- 5 The baby (blinked/winked) when its mother clapped her hands in front of its face.
- 6 Of all the writers of (comic/comical) opera, Gilbert and Sullivan are my favourites.
- 7 Where were you (educated/trained) to be a teacher?
- 8 My brother is studying to be an (electrical/electric) engineer.
- 9 I do wish you'd grow up, John! You're so (childish/childlike) at times.
- 10 There's a (rumour/reputation) going round the office that Mr Burgess and Miss Gibson are getting engaged.
- 11 I wonder if you would like to (co-operate/collaborate) with me on a book I'm thinking of writing about famous women in politics?
- 12 There is a very good (Technological/Technical) College not far from where I live.
- 13 Did you know that Peter had arranged the party (specially/especially) for you?
- 14 I couldn't care less one way or the other. I'm completely (uninterested/disinterested).
- 15 I hear that Manchester United beat Liverpool two—(nil/nought) in last night's Cup match.
- 16 There is a very strong (possibility/opportunity) that man will land on the planet Mars before the year 2000.
- 17 South Wales was once a flourishing coal-mining area, but today there are hundreds of (misused/disused) coalmines scattered throughout the valleys.
- 18 My uncle has just got a divorce, which is very strange since he is a marriage guidance (councillor/counsellor).
- 19 I'm afraid the boot is full. There is no (room/space) for any more suitcases.
- 20 It's much too hot. Let's go and sit in the (shadow/shade) for a while.
- 21 I'll see you next week—(eventually/possibly) on Friday.

## Paper 4 Listening Part 3

You will hear an interview with Ann Quarterman, who came face to face with a grizzly bear in British Columbia. For questions 1–5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 1 Ann was hiking to a remote ski lodge in the mountains because
- A there was no other way to reach the location.
  - B her four-wheel drive vehicle had come off the road.
  - C she wanted to find out if the area appealed to her.
  - D she had decided to accompany her friend.

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- 2 What problem did Ann and her friend encounter as they continued their hike?
- A The hills they were walking through were too steep to climb.
  - B The trail they were following disappeared altogether.
  - C They had no idea how to use the bear repellent.
  - D Their protective clothing was inadequate for the conditions.

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- 3 What precautions did they take to protect themselves from bears?
- A They warned the bears they were in the area.
  - B They avoided areas where berries were growing.
  - C They stuck to the path through the low-lying fog.
  - D They walked above the tree line to get a better view.

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- 4 What saved the women from being attacked by the grizzly?
- A the unexpected arrival of the owners of the lodge
  - B their ability to keep calm in a crisis
  - C their decision to run away from the bear
  - D their recollection of some trees to hide in

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- 5 What influenced their final decision regarding their hike?
- A the fact that their vehicle was too far away to reach
  - B their unwillingness to walk back through the forest
  - C the realisation that Ann had injured herself quite badly in a fall
  - D their fear of retracing their steps through the meadow

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*Rewrite each sentence using the word in capitals. Do not change the word in any way.*

a) If you do have any free time, could you give me a ring?

..... SHOULD

b) We won't go away if the weather is bad.

..... UNLESS

c) I didn't have the money so I didn't buy a new suit.

..... WOULD

d) I regret not studying hard last term.

..... ONLY

e) If you hurry up, you won't be late.

..... GOING

f) If they offered you the job, would you accept?

..... WERE

g) If you are in London by any chance, come and see me.

..... HAPPEN

h) Without you, I would have given up years ago.

..... BEEN

i) If you insist on doing everything yourself, of course you will feel tired.

..... WILL

j) Please take a seat, and I'll inquire for you.

..... WILL

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## Collocations

Certain common adjectives are sometimes emphasised, especially in colloquial language, with the addition of another adjective or noun in front of them, e.g. 'The water was icy cold.' 'The road was dead straight'. 'Icy' and 'dead' in these sentences mean 'extremely' or 'absolutely'.

1 Put each word from the following list in its correct space in the sentences.

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>wide</b>  | <b>dog</b>  | <b>pitch</b> | <b>brand</b> |
| <b>stone</b> | <b>dirt</b> | <b>stark</b> | <b>bone</b>  |

- (a) I wouldn't employ him. He's \_\_\_\_\_ idle.
- (b) It's an amazing price, \_\_\_\_\_ cheap!
- (c) I was \_\_\_\_\_ tired after such a hard day's work.
- (d) He couldn't hear a thing. He was \_\_\_\_\_ deaf.
- (e) It's not second-hand. It's \_\_\_\_\_ new.
- (f) This room's freezing and the window's \_\_\_\_\_ open!
- (g) Here's a photo of him at three months, \_\_\_\_\_ naked.
- (h) It was \_\_\_\_\_ dark. I couldn't see a thing.

2 Instructions as above.

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|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>fast</b> | <b>bone</b>    | <b>razor</b> | <b>blind</b> |
| <b>wide</b> | <b>crystal</b> | <b>paper</b> | <b>flat</b>  |

- (a) She had a \_\_\_\_\_ sharp mind.
- (b) She went to bed at seven and she was \_\_\_\_\_ asleep by ten past.
- (c) The sea near those rocks is \_\_\_\_\_ clear.
- (d) There's been no rain for months and the land is \_\_\_\_\_ dry.
- (e) Sorry, I can't lend you anything. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ broke.
- (f) He was \_\_\_\_\_ drunk. He couldn't even walk properly.
- (g) The neighbours hear everything we say. The walls are \_\_\_\_\_ thin.
- (h) It was 2 a.m. but I was still \_\_\_\_\_ awake.

# 31 Missing words – “He walked” etc.

Put the following words into the correct sentences. Use each word once only.

stumbled

limped

skipped

marched

staggered

strode

strolled

scampered

plodded

loitered

crept

tramped

- 1 The angry man ..... into the office and demanded to see the manager.
- 2 The soldiers proudly ..... past the cheering crowds lining the streets.
- 3 The tired farmer ..... home after a hard day's work in the fields.
- 4 The girl ..... and fell as she was coming out of the office.
- 5 The mouse ..... into its hole the moment it caught sight of the cat.
- 6 We'd have caught that train if you hadn't ..... on the way!
- 7 The wounded man ..... into the pub, crying, "Call an ambulance. I've been stabbed!"
- 8 The happy children ..... along the road on their way to school.
- 9 We ..... across the fields for miles and miles in search of mushrooms.
- 10 The lovers ..... hand-in-hand through the park.
- 11 The lame man ..... across the room.
- 12 The soldier ..... silently towards the unsuspecting enemy guard.