

# More Confusing Words and Homonyms Quiz 1

Correct all usage errors. Beware: there may be more than one error per quiz question.

1. It was not just a great day; it was an historic occasion, and I was feeling alright.
2. It takes awhile to adopt to this hot weather when you're from Anchorage.
3. You don't need fancy stationary to thank someone—that's besides the point.
4. I can not be calm on roller coasters. I ride them with baited breath.
5. I have no flare for geography: I thought Buffalo was the capitol of New York, but it's Albany.
6. Where good friends are concerned, my chief criteria has always been loyalty.
7. I prophesized that if she kept acting that way, she'd get her just desserts.
8. You have to be more discrete or you'll literally drive your husband up the wall.
9. I've never waived in my enjoyment of Shakespeare's plays, i.e., *Romeo and Juliet*.
10. Let's take the next boat off of this island. We'll be in eminent danger if we wait around.
11. I explained my principle reasons for quitting to a couple guys from work.

# More Confusing Words and Homonyms Quiz 2

Correct all usage errors as listed in. Beware: there may be more than one error per quiz question.

1. Just wait 'til you see one of the most unique buildings in the Midwest.
2. I always buy Acme products because it's a company who really cares about the consumer.
3. I was amazed by the enormity of his hands, which held me in a vice-like grip.
4. It's not everyday that I get to spend several hours on my favorite past time.
5. He's one of the premiere actors of our generation, irregardless of his messy personal life.
6. It won't phase me in the least if you just sit your drink on the chair next to you.
7. He never graduated high school because he always flaunted the school rules.
8. He wore a gold medal when he lead the parade yesterday.
9. I think it was a fashion misnomer to wear such a miniscule ring with such a big bracelet.
10. Even here in earthquake country, that tremblor was a frightening phenomena.
11. I don't have to show up until 10 a.m. in the morning.

# Effective Writing Quiz 1

Rewrite these sentences to make them more effective. Your sentences may be different from the answers given in the book. Answers are in Chapter Seven.

1. While I am in town. Let's visit Golden Gate Park.
2. Walking aimlessly down the street, a bus almost clipped me.

3. Good employees are prompt, courteous, and they help you when you need it.
4. Several items of evidence were overlooked by police who were investigating the scene of the crime.
5. It is expected that you will report for work by no later than nine o'clock.
6. There is just one more thing that I want to say before I finish up.
7. The patient is not unresponsive.
8. Raised in Italy, my grandfather's broken English created problems early on.
9. Students will benefit themselves by listening, taking notes, and they should always pay attention.
10. The cars were worn down by the taxi drivers.
11. After tossing and turning, the alarm came on much too early.
12. I have always believed in being thrifty, loyal, and I do high-quality work.
13. One thing I could say without hesitation is that he is not unreliable.

## Effective Writing *Quiz 2*

Rewrite these sentences to make them more effective. Your sentences may be different from the answers given in the book. Answers are in Chapter Seven.

1. We will utilize the attorneys we have employed to engender the dissolution of our marriage.
2. The boy was hit in the face by the pie as it left the girl's hand.
3. It was not likely that no one would want to claim ownership of the new sports car.
4. We washed the dishes, swept the floor, and the tables were dusted.
5. While singing in the shower, the bar of soap slipped from her hands.
6. Maria encountered a stranger clad in her parka and blue jeans.
7. The weather had adverse impacts on our boat, resulting in the necessity of rescuing us from the water.
8. On a hike with my wife, a bear climbed a tree.
9. Looking back, the dog was following us.
10. Jordan did not believe that Serena had embarrassed him unintentionally.
11. Martin could not juggle watching Timmy, making breakfast, and he had a report to write.
12. Like others we questioned, his name was not announced.
13. I was wearing the sweater that Amy knitted at the concert.
14. Lying on a stretcher, they carried him out.

## Grammar Mastery *Test*

Correct the following sentences. Place a check mark in front of sentences that are correct..

1. Some of the desserts was left by the end of the birthday party.
2. It was myself and maybe two other people.
3. Dr. Cresta is one of those professors who does whatever it takes to get his point across.
4. Your brilliant excuses almost makes up for your tardiness.
5. Neither Jackson nor Jenna is playing hooky.

6. Neither Jackson nor his family are going camping this weekend.
7. Either of us is capable of winning.
8. All of the class is willing to take part in the prank.
9. One-third of the eligible population tend not to vote in national elections.
10. Not even one-third of the voters tends to cast their ballots in national elections.
11. Here's the paper clips you requested.
12. She is one of those doctors who make house calls.
13. Her and him are always fighting.
14. When Toni and him come over, we always have a great time.
15. It is we who must decide whether to tax ourselves or cut spending.
16. Between you and I, this class is a joke.
17. Whom do you think you are to give me advice about dating?
18. Who makes up these English rules anyway?
19. Whom do you think should win?
20. Who are you voting for?
21. She is one of the only teachers who does what it takes to help her students learn joyfully.
22. Whomever has the keys gets to be in the driver's seat.
23. We are willing to work with whoever you recommend.
24. The thoughts that Ted presented at the meeting were worthwhile.
25. The thoughts that Ted presented, that were about shifting national priorities, were well received.
26. When you do a job so good, you can expect a raise.
27. I, as most people, try to be considerate of others.
28. Harry smells good. What is the aftershave he is wearing?
29. Lisa did so well on the test that she was allowed to accelerate to the next level.
30. Our puppy is the least hungriest of the litter.
31. He's a man whom I think defines greatness.
32. Karen should of known that her cheap umbrella would break in the storm.
33. Sometimes the effects of our generosity may seem minimal, but our good intentions do make a difference.
34. Ben thought he had lain my jacket on that bench.
35. Our company policy will not allow me to except a gift worth more than \$50.
36. They thought we were late, but my wife and I were all ready at the restaurant.
37. Irregardless of who was there first, we were all very hungry and ready to eat.
38. We could hardly believe the Giants could loose the game by that many runs.
39. Isn't it amazing how long that mime can remain completely stationery?
40. The department's principal concern is the safety of all employees.
41. How did they manage to serve cold ice cream in the middle of the vast dessert?
42. The boss complemented Ari on his excellent presentation.
43. The judge did not believe any of there stories.
44. Ilana said she wanted to become a FBI agent when she grew up.
45. It's not good when your always late like this.
46. To be a good billiards player, you've got to think farther ahead than just the next shot.
47. I think I'll go lay down awhile.
48. The golf course at the resort is lovely, but I prefer it's swimming pool.
49. Sam and myself paid the cab fare, and Alejandro paid for dinner.

**50.** Marta completed five less problems than I did in the same amount of time.