

Verbs often confused

Total questions: 29

Worksheet time: 21mins

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EXAMPLE:

Which one is correct?

argue or discuss?

I need to (argue/discuss) the problem with my boss.

ANSWER: discuss

CONFUSING VERBS

MAKE Creation of a physical object, an action/reaction, a sound/speech or food "My dad likes to make food"	VS	DO Jobs or activities with "anything" or "something" also indicates generic action "I need to do housework"
REFUSE To decline, to accept/give unwillingness "I refuse to argue"	VS	DENY Declaring untruth, disagreement to withhold or disown something "Most deny that the sky is orange"
SAY A verb usually used without an object "She knew what to say to her sister"	VS	TELL Informs or instructs "Tell your brother to make his bed"
STAY Stay is an informal verb "Don't stay out late"	VS	REMAIN Remain is used more in formal sense "Though the team lost, fans remain loyal"
SIT is a verb "Mostly people prefer to sit why they eat"	VS	SEAT is a verb and noun "Please find a seat"
SHALL is used with first person pronouns (I and We) "We shall take a walk"	VS	WILL will is used with second and third person pronouns (You, he, she, it, they) "He will go home when the movie is over."

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VOCABULARY BANK

a Complete the **verbs** column with the correct verb in the right form.

	verbs
argue / discuss	
1 I need to <input type="text"/> the problem with my boss.	discuss (= talk about sth)
2 I often <input type="text"/> with my parents about doing housework.	argue (= speak angrily to sb)
notice / realize	
3 I didn't <input type="text"/> you were so unhappy.	realize (= understand fully, become aware of sth)
4 I didn't <input type="text"/> that Karen had changed her hair colour.	notice (= see, observe)
avoid / prevent	
5 Jack always tries to <input type="text"/> arguing with me.	avoid (= try not to do something)
6 My dad can't <input type="text"/> me from seeing my friends.	prevent (= stop)
lend / borrow	
7 When are you going to pay me back the £50 that I <input type="text"/> you?	lent (= give sth to sb that you want them to give back)
8 Could I <input type="text"/> your car tonight? I know you're not using it.	borrow (= ask for sth that you intend to give back)

3.

mind / matter	
9 My parents don't <input type="text"/> if I stay out late.	<input type="text"/> (= have a problem / feel strongly)
10 It doesn't <input type="text"/> if we're five minutes late.	<input type="text"/> (= be a problem)
remember / remind	
11 Can you <input type="text"/> me to call my mum later?	<input type="text"/> (= help sb to remember)
12 <input type="text"/> to turn off the lights before you go.	<input type="text"/> (= not forget)
expect / wait	
13 I <input type="text"/> that Daniel will forget our anniversary. He always does.	<input type="text"/> (= think that sth will happen)
14 We'll have to <input type="text"/> half an hour for the next train.	<input type="text"/> (= stay where you are until something happens)
wish / hope	
15 I <input type="text"/> I was a bit taller!	<input type="text"/> (= want sth to be true, even if it is unlikely or impossible)
16 I <input type="text"/> that you can come on Friday. I haven't seen you for ages.	<input type="text"/> (= want sth to happen)
beat / win	
17 Arsenal <input type="text"/> the match 5-2.	<input type="text"/> (= be successful in a competition)
18 Arsenal <input type="text"/> Manchester United 5-2.	<input type="text"/> (= defeat sb)
refuse / deny	
19 Tom always <input type="text"/> to discuss the problem.	<input type="text"/> (= say you don't want to do sth)
20 Tom always <input type="text"/> that he has a problem.	<input type="text"/> (= say that sth isn't true)

4.

raise / rise	
21 The cost of living is going to <input type="text"/> again this month.	<input type="text"/> (= go up)
22 It's hard not to <input type="text"/> your voice when you're arguing with someone.	<input type="text"/> (= make sth go up)
lay (past laid, past participle lain) / lie (past lay, past participle laid)	
23 Go and <input type="text"/> on the bed if you're tired.	<input type="text"/> (= put your body in a horizontal position)
24 I usually <input type="text"/> my baby on the bed to change his nappy.	<input type="text"/> (= put sth or sb in a horizontal position)
steal / rob	
25 The men had been planning to <input type="text"/> the bank.	<input type="text"/> (= take sth from a person or place by threat or force)
26 If you leave your bike unlocked, somebody might <input type="text"/> it.	<input type="text"/> (= take money or property that isn't yours)
advise / warn	
27 I think I should <input type="text"/> you that Liam doesn't always tell the truth.	<input type="text"/> (= tell sb that sth unpleasant is likely to happen)
28 My teachers are going to <input type="text"/> me what subjects to study next year.	<input type="text"/> (= tell sb what you think they should do)

b  7.9 Listen and check.**ACTIVATION** Cover the verbs column. Say the sentences with the correct verbs.

5.

c Complete the questions with the correct verb from each pair, in the right form. Then ask and answer with a partner.

1

Do you if people are a bit late when you have arranged to meet them, or do you think it doesn't ?

matter / mind

2

Can you usually family birthdays, or do you need somebody to you?

remember / remind

3

Have you ever been when you were on holiday? What was ?

rob / steal

4

What would you people to do if they want to come to your country in the summer? What might you them to be careful about?

advise / warn

5

Do you think taking vitamin C helps to colds? What other things can people do to catching colds?

avoid / prevent

6


Do you ever clothes from friends or family? Have you ever clothes to someone which they then ruined?

borrow / lend

7

Have you ever a cup or medal for anything? Are there any games or sports where you absolutely hate being ?

beat / win



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set (to put or place)	I set my glass on the table.	She has set her books on my desk again.

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RISE VERSUS RAISE

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Present	Past	Past Participle
rise (steady or customary upward movement)	The balloon rose into the air.	He has risen to a position of power.
raise (to cause to rise)	They raised their hands because they knew the answer.	I have raised the curtain many times.

Example sentences:

The boy **raised** the flag just before the sun **rose**.



10.

Circle the correct verb.

I often (*argue/discuss*) with my parents about doing housework

a) argue

b) discuss

11.



Circle the correct verb.

I didn't (*notice/realize*) you were unhappy

a) notice

b) realize



12.

Circle the correct verb.

I didn't (**notice/realize**) that Umut has changed his hair

a) realize

b) notice

13.

1 Try not to say...you never **remind/remember** to buy the toothpaste.

Circle the correct verb.

a) remind

b) remember

14.

2 If you follow these tips, you just might be able to **prevent/avoid** an argument.

Circle the correct verb.

a) prevent

b) avoid

15.

3 The most important thing is not to **rise/raise** your voice.

Circle the correct verb.

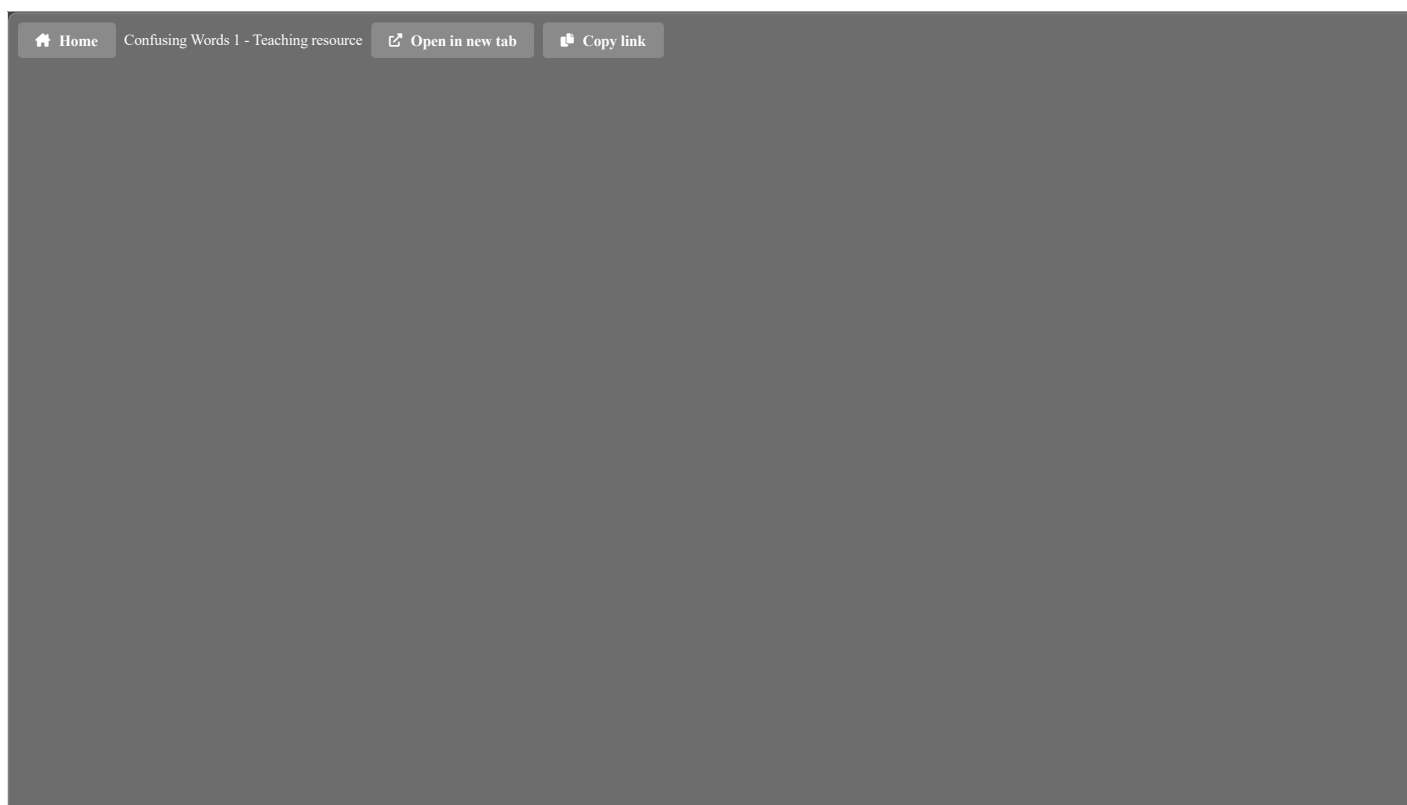
a) raise

b) rise


16.

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18.

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22.

6. **Prevent** My dad can't (avoid/prevent) me from seeing my friends

7. **Seem** I've spoken to her husband twice and he (seem/look) very nice

8. **Look** Carol doesn't (look/seem) very well. I think she's working too hard

9. **Mind** My parents don't (mind/matter) if I stay out late

10. **Matter** It doesn't (mind/matter) if we're five minutes late

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23.

11. **Remind** Can you (remind/remember) me to call my mum later?



12. **Remember** (Remember/mind) to turn off the lights before you go

13. **Expect** I (expect/wait) that Daniel will forget our anniversary



14. **Wait** We'll have to (expect/wait) half an hour for the next train

15. **Wish** I (wish/hope) I was a bit taller

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24.

16. **Hope** I (wish/hope) that you can come on Friday. I haven't seen you for ages



17. **Win** Arsenal (win/beat) the match 5-2

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20. **Deny** Tom always (refuses/denies) that he has a problem

21. **Rise** The cost of living is going to (rise / raise) again

22. **Raise** It's hard not to (rise/raise) your voice when you're arguing with someone

23. **Laid** Last night I come home and (laid/lay) on the sofa

5 / 7

26.

24. **Lay** I (laid/lay) the baby on the bed and changed his nappy

25. **Rob** The men had been planning to (rob/steal) the bank

26. **Steal** If you leave your bike unlocked, somebody might (rob/steal) it



27. **Warn** I think I should (warn/advice) you that Liam doesn't always tell the truth

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28. **Advise** My teachers are going to (warn/advise) me what subjects to study next year.

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Choose the correct answer.

- 1. Federer the match 6-3, 6-4, 7-6
- 2. Nobody that I was wearing a new skirt.
- 3. My wife and I everything before making a decision.
- 4. I've only met Josh once but he very shy.
- 5. Do you waiting another 10 minutes until I get there?
- 6. What was from your house?
- 7. I that Mark arrived safely in New York.
- 8. That woman me of my grandmother.

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Answer Keys

1. n/a

2. n/a

3. n/a

4. n/a

5. n/a

6. n/a

7. n/a

8. n/a

9. n/a

10. a) argue

11. b) realize

12. b) notice

13. b) remember

14. b) avoid

15. a) raise

16. n/a

17. n/a

18. n/a

19. n/a

20. n/a

21. n/a

22. n/a

23. n/a

24. n/a

25. n/a

26. n/a

27. n/a

28. n/a

29. n/a