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WORDS OFTEN CONFUSED

Words Often Confused: A Definition

Words that are often confused are pairs or groups of words that have similar spellings, pronunciations, or meanings, but have distinct and different usages. These words can trip up even the most fluent speakers and writers, leading to misunderstandings or errors in communication.

Key Characteristics:

- **Similar in appearance or sound:** They may look or sound alike, making them easy to mix up.
- **Different meanings:** Despite their similarities, they have distinct meanings that can significantly alter the intended message.
- **Commonly misused:** Due to their similarities, they are frequently interchanged incorrectly.

Choose one of the words in brackets to fill the gap.

- 1 Do you payment by credit card? (accept / except)
- 2 Everybody turned up at Fiona's party her exboyfriend. (accept / except)
- 3 What did the high altitude have on you? (affect / effect)
- 4 Did the high altitude you when you were in Quito? (affect / effect)
- 5 She gave me some excellent about my girlfriend. (advice / advise)
- 6 I you not to get involved in Sandra and Mike's problems. (advice / advise)
- 7 We need to find something to the curtains. (complement / compliment)
- 8 She got annoyed with me because I didn't her on her new hair style.
(complement / compliment)
- 9 Don't tell anyone about my promotion. I want to be as about it as possible.
(discreet / discrete)
- 10 Catalan and Valencian are not languages. (discreet / discrete)
- 11 The weather forecast says that rain is (eminent / imminent)
- 12 Professor Pachorro is very among brain surgeons. (eminent / imminent)
- 13 I wanted to see the about Manet in the Prado gallery in Madrid.
(exhibition / expedition)
- 14 A recent Spanish to the Antarctic has been collecting data about global warming. (exhibition / expedition)
- 15 This is an device for opening bottles. (ingenious / ingenuous)



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- 16 Your argument is Just tell me why you are in favour of a military solution.
(irrelevant / irreverent)
- 17 If you want to be a champion, you have to everyday. (practice / practise)
- 18 Learning to dance the salsa is a question of going to classes and lots of
(practice / practise)

Answers

- 1 Do you **accept** payment by credit card? (accept / except)
- 2 Everybody turned up at Fiona's party **except** her ex-boyfriend. (accept / except)
- 3 What **effect** did the high altitude have on you? (affect / effect)
- 4 Did the high altitude **affect** you when you were in Quito? (affect / effect)
- 5 She gave me some excellent **advice** about my girlfriend. (advice / advise)
- 6 I advise you not to get involved in Sandra and Mike's problems.
- 7 We need to find something to **complement** the curtains. (complement / compliment)
- 8 She got annoyed with me because I didn't **compliment** her on her new hair style. (complement / compliment)
- 9 Don't tell anyone about my promotion. I want to be as **discreet** about it as possible. (discreet / discrete)
- 10 Catalan and Valencian are not **discrete** languages. (discreet / discrete)
- 11 The weather forecast says that rain is imminent. (eminent / imminent)
- 12 Professor Pachorro is very **eminent** among brain surgeons. (eminent / imminent)
- 13 I wanted to see the **exhibition** about Manet in the Prado gallery in Madrid. (exhibition / expedition)
- 14 A recent Spanish **expedition** to the Antarctic has been collecting data about global warming. (exhibition / expedition)
- 15 This is an **ingenious** device for opening bottles. (ingenious / ingenuous)
- 16 Your argument is **irrelevant**. Just tell me why you are in favour of a military solution. (irrelevant / irreverent)
- 17 If you want to be a champion, you have to **practise** everyday. (practice / practise)
- 18 Learning to dance the salsa is a question of going to classes and lots of **practice**. (practice / practise)