

CONFUSING WORDS

Objective: A fun quiz on commonly confused words

Materials: Use the sheets and flashcards provided

Procedure

1. Give out the quiz to the students and allow them to complete it. They should work alone. **DO NOT** tell them that the quiz is on commonly confused words as this may only force them to choose the least likely answer in the hope that it's right. The aim of the exercise is for them to have fun and for the teacher to identify where and why students make these mistakes and then to correct them and give other examples.
2. By the end of the quiz they will realise the point of the exercise.

3. Ask the students to pick up a flashcard. Each flashcard has a word on it and they must correctly use this word in a sentence. If they can, they can award themselves a bonus 2 points. If a student fails to come up with a correct sentence, the opportunity to answer is given to the next student with an extra 2 points added to the bonus 2.
4. Count up the scores at the end.
5. Ask the students which other words they tend to confuse and why they confuse them.

QUIZ 1:

Circle or underline the correct word

1. At weddings guests throw confetti/coriander at the newlyweds.
2. My neighbour is waiting/expecting/attending a baby.
3. Due to the late arrival of an incoming aircraft, we missed our coincidence/combination/connection.
4. Betty was horrified when she stepped on the scales/balance and saw her weight.
5. If you don't know a word you should look it up in a good vocabulary/dictionary/thesaurus.
6. My brother works in a restaurant as a cooker/cook and one day he hopes to become head chief/chef.
7. Margaret is a very clever girl, in reality/actually I'd say she's a genius.
8. After the accident he was recovered/admitted to hospital.
9. Mike smiled to himself when he thought of all the things that he'd realised/achieved in his life.
10. I love the gym, in fact I now have a 2 year-inscription/subscription/membership

11. Our staff is composed/made up/consisted of one manager, one supervisor and three full time clerks.
12. I've had a terrible year confronted/compared/in respect to last year.
13. We keep our bicycles and other odds and ends in the canteen/cellar/tavern.
14. Jane and I fell out after a very bad discussion/argument.
15. John's an excellent swimmer, in effect/in fact/ in reality he was an Olympic champion a few years ago.
16. Karen can't go on holiday because she is actually/currently writing her thesis.
17. Grace is job hunting; she wants to find a better and higher paid place/post.
18. I have parents/relatives all over the world.
19. Kevin doesn't know which matters/subjects/arguments to study at school next year.
20. The main argument/topic of today's meeting is the environmental policy within this company.

Total 20 points

QUIZ 2:

As before, circle or underline the correct word.

My husband is starting a new business and is looking for office space to rent/let/hire. First of all he needed to insure/ensure/assure that he opened the office in a good catchment area. He managed to save/salvage some office furniture from a company, which was closing down. All the furniture seems to be in good condition. I decided to quit my job as a secretary in a company to become his assistant. At the moment I am running/managing/handling the stationary/stationery orders and doing spreadsheets to keep tabs on all the costs we occur/incur. I'm not sure how working together will effect/affect our relationship but for the moment it's the only way to resolve/solve the problem of setting up a business while keeping costs to a minimum and avoid/evade paying too much tax. However, when things are up and running, I'd prefer to work alternative/alternate days so that I can have a rest/relax. This was advise/advice given to me by my mother who always tells/says me that looking after a house is also a work/job in itself. I also want to be able to continuing frequenting/attending my yoga class. At the same time I can already tell that my husband

pretends/demands a lot from an assistant and sometimes I have to remember/remind him that I'm not his slave. Anyway, I'm excited by our new business venture and I'm sure that it will go good/well.

Total: 18 points

DEMAND

PRETEND

APPLY

BRAKE

ADVICE

BREAK



ASSURE

ACTUALLY

COINCIDENCE

IMAGINATION

FANTASY

INVENT

DISCOVER



ENSURE

EXPECT

HOME

LICENCE

PATENT

SOCIETY

PERSONNEL

ASSURE