

Exercise 19***Confusable words***

In the following sentences a word might be used wrongly because it is confused for another, which is similar in spelling, sound etc., thus creating an error.

Example: The physician prescribed antibiotics in order to affect a change in the state of the infection.

Misused Word: affect Correct word: effect

Read each sentence carefully to see if such an error has been created. Fill in the blanks accordingly.

1. The trouble with adolescence is that they never seem to consider anything other than what they have directly experienced.
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

2. The teacher's aid more than once came to help her during the Supervision.
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

3. We will appraise you of the value of this property only after we receive a communication from the legal department.
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

4. When they got the assent of the weather bureau, they allowed the enormous balloon to take off
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

5. She would often elude to her childhood, when she would play the game of hide-and-seek with her brothers.
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

6. Beside my aunt, and uncle, there were fourteen other people in the queue for the bus.
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

7. The economy seemed to slide backward thanks to the government policies.
Misused Word: _____ Correct Word: _____ No Error _____

Exercise 32***Sentence Completion***

Each sentence has one or two blanks. Choose the answer choice that contains the word or words that best complete the sentence.

The difference between the Fill in the blanks (Vocabulary) and Sentence Completion is that FIB tests your vocab., or knowledge of word meanings, but sentence completion tests your ability to logically complete the meaning of the sentence.

After each test review your wrong answers to see whether you missed any clues, and make a note of all the words you are not sure of.

1. The explorer was unable to _____ his thirst at the stream since a pride of lions in frolic, barred his way to the stream.
a) assuage b) parch c) savour
d) describe e) attenuate

2. Iodine deficiency is _____ in these remote mountain regions; however, it is no longer _____ in the lowlands where iodized salt is available
a) recorded, unusual b) rare, sporadic
c) eradicated, common d) endemic, prevalent
e) diagnosed, controlled

3. As a behavioral scientist, he was interested in a person's _____, the things that make each person different from the general.
a) qualities b) idiosyncrasies c) failures
d) stereotypes e) humanity

4. The professor was such an outstanding orator, that his audience was too dazzled by his _____ to question his fundamental philosophy.
a) persona b) guile c) enthusiasm
d) thinking e) rhetoric

5. Moths are nocturnal pollinators, visiting scented flowers during the hours of darkness, whereas butterflies are _____, attracted to bright flowers in the daytime.
a) diurnal b) quotidian c) colorful
d) ephemeral e) brilliant

6. The Indian middle class woman is _____ by restraints, obligations and _____ that prevent her from achieving economic independence.
a) hampered, aspirations b) emancipated, strictures
c) fettered, responsibilities d) ensnared, possibilities
e) surrounded, freedom