

7.8 Language in focus

Easily confused words

I can understand and use words that are easily confused.

- 1 Read the information and choose the correct options in the sentences below.

Certain words are easily confused. Words may look and/or sound similar but have different meanings (e.g. *lose/loose*) or closely related meanings (e.g. *lone/lonely/alone*). Other words look completely different but are confused, either because they have similar meanings (e.g. *include/consist of/comprise*) or because they are 'false friends' (e.g. *actual/current*).

- 1 It's so easy to **lose** / **loose** track of time.
 - 2 Technology makes you **lone** / **lonely** / **alone**.
 - 3 Did you go to bed **late** / **lately**?
 - 4 What is the **arise** / **raise** / **rise** in childhood obesity due to?
 - 5 The conclusion must **include** / **comprise** / **consist of** your opinion.
 - 6 If **present** / **actual** trends continue, thefts could reach 1 million.
- 2 Change one letter in the word in bold to form a different part of speech and complete the sentences.
 - 1 You can **advise** someone or give someone **advice**.
 - 2 You can **practise** the guitar or do some guitar _____.
 - 3 You can **breathe** in deeply or take a deep _____.
 - 4 You can be _____ on someone or be someone's **dependant**.
 - 5 A situation can **affect** you badly or have a bad _____ on you.
 - 3 Choose the correct options. Then answer the questions.
 - 1 Is your car very **economic** / **economical**?
 - 2 Do you **lay** / **lie** on your front when you're sleeping?
 - 3 Are there any **historic** / **historical** buildings nearby?
 - 4 Will you ever get an **occasion** / **opportunity** to go to Australia?
 - 5 Do you prefer exams or **continuous** / **continual** assessment?
 - 6 Are you a **conscious** / **conscientious** student?
 - 4 Write example sentences for the words you didn't use in Exercise 3. Use a dictionary if necessary.

There's an **economic** crisis in my country at the moment.
 - 5 Replace the underlined words/phrases in the sentences with the words in the box.

actually complement compliment currently
 eventually fantastic genial possibly

 - 1 I always say I've got lots of Facebook friends but
a **in fact**, I've only got 100. b **at the moment** I've only got 100.
 - 2 'Are you going to buy a new laptop?'
a **In the end**, yes. b **Maybe**, yes.
 - 3 My grandma and grandpa always
a **work well with** each other. b **say nice things to** each other.
 - 4 We love our family doctor. He's a
a **great** guy. b **friendly** guy.
 - 6 Translate the sentences in Exercise 5. Are there any 'false friends' with these words in your language? Are any sentences true?

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Electronic communication

access information/knowledge /ˌæksɪs ˌɪnfə'meɪʃən/ 'nɒlɪdʒ/
 access to (the Internet/online content) /ˌæksɪs tə (ði 'ɪntənət/
 ˌɒnlain 'kɒntent)/
 accessibility/availability /ˌæk.sə'sə'bɪləti/ə'veɪlə'bɪləti/
 adjust /ə'dʒʌst/
 alert (n, v) /ə'leɪt/
 anti-virus software /ˌæntɪvaɪrəs 'sɒftweə/
 application/app /ˌæplɪ'keɪʃən/əp/
 attach a file /ə'tætʃ ə 'faɪl/
 attachment /ə'tætʃmənt/
 bleep /bli:p/
 bookmark a site/a homepage /'bʊkmɑ:k ə saɪt/ə 'həʊmpeɪdʒ/
 browse the net/a website /ˌbraʊz ðə 'net/ə 'websaɪt/
 built-in technology /bɪlt ɪn tek'nɒlədʒi/
 collect data /kə'lekt 'deɪtə/
 contribute to wikis/forums/readers' comments sections
 /kən'trɪbjʊt tə 'wɪkiz/'fɔ:əmz/ˌri:ðəz 'kɒments ˌseksjənz/
 control the volume /kən'trɒl ðə 'vɒljʊm/
 data analysis /ˌdeɪtə əˌnæləsɪs/
 device /dɪ'vaɪs/
 download music/e-books /daʊn'ləʊd 'mju:zɪk/'i: bʊks/
 external drive /ɪk'stɜ:nl 'draɪv/
 fitness/activity app/tracker /'fɪtnəs/æk'tɪvəti əp/trækə/
 follow sb (on Twitter) /ˌfɒləʊ ˌsambədi (ɒn 'twɪtə)/
 generate /dʒenə'reɪt/
 google sth /'gʊ:ɡəl ˌsambɪŋ/
 handset /'hændset/
 hard drive /'hɑ:d draɪv/
 headset /'hedset/
 Internet connection speed /ɪntənət kə'nekʃən spi:d/
 landline /'lændˌlaɪn/
 narrative camera /ˌnærətɪv 'kæməɾə/
 on the web/on Twitter /ɒn ðə 'web/ɒn 'twɪtə/
 online platform /ɒnlain 'plætfɔ:m/
 password /'pɑ:swɜ:d/
 personalised /ˌpɜ:sənalaɪzd/
 post a comment/a link /ˌpəʊst ə 'kɒment/ə 'lɪŋk/
 privacy issues /'prɪvəsi ˌɪʃu:z/
 push a button /ˌpʊʃ ə 'bʌtn/
 record /rɪ'kɔ:d/
 remote control /rɪ'məʊt kən'trɒl/
 sat-nav (satellite navigation system)/GPS /'sæt nəv (ˌsætəlɑɪt
 ˌnævɪ'geɪʃən ˌsɪstəm)/dʒi: pi: 'es/
 save a file/an attachment /ˌseɪv ə 'faɪl/ən ə'tætʃmənt/
 scan sb's profile /ˌskæn ˌsambədi:z 'prəʊfaɪl/
 search results /'sɜ:tʃ rɪˌzʌltz/
 sensor /'sensə/
 share a link/a Facebook post /ˌʃeə ə 'lɪŋk/ə 'feɪsbʊk pəʊst/
 smart technology /ˌsmɑ:t tek'nɒlədʒi/
 smartphone /'smɑ:t'fəʊn/
 social media /ˌsəʊʃəl 'mi:diə/
 software developer /'sɒftweə ˌdeɪvələpə/
 store /stɔ:/
 surf the Internet /ˌsɜ:f ðə 'ɪntənət/
 text sb /tekst/
 track /træk/
 transmit /trænz'mɪt/
 type /taɪp/
 unplug /ʌn'plʌɡ/
 update your status/profile /ʌpˌdeɪt jə 'steɪtəs/'prəʊfaɪl/
 upload a photo/a video clip /ʌpˌləʊd ə 'fəʊtəʊ/ə 'vɪdɪəʊ klɪp/
 vibrate /vaɪ'breɪt/
 virtual /'vɜ:tʃʊəl/
 voice command /ˌvɔɪs kə'mænd/
 wearable technology /ˌweərəbəl tek'nɒlədʒi/
 www/World Wide Web /ˌdʌblju: ˌdʌblju: 'dʌblju:wɜ:ld 'waɪd
 web/

Health and addictions

addicted to sth /ə'dɪktəd tə/
 anxiety /æŋ'zaɪəti/
 breathe (deeply) /bri:ð ('di:pli)/
 circulation /ˌsɜ:kjʊ'leɪʃən/
 condition /kən'dɪʃən/
 count calories /ˌkaʊnt 'kælərɪz/
 deprive sb of sth /dɪ'praɪv əv/
 diabetes /ˌdaɪə'bi:tɪz/
 drug addict /ˌdrʌɡ ˌædɪkt/
 excess weight /ˌeksɪs 'weɪt/
 eye strain/sore eyes /ˌaɪ streɪn/ˌsɔ: 'aɪz/