

ESL Worksheet: Confusing Words

Choose the correct answer.

Q1 - Does this kind of weather ____ you?

- affect
 effect

Q2 - What will ____ the main course?

- complement
 compliment

Q3 - They wanted everybody to ____ their work.

- complement
 compliment

Q4 - They're not very ____ so don't give them too much information.

- discrete
 discreet

Q5 - He's an ____ doctor

- eminent
 imminent

Q6 - He managed to think of an ____ solution.

- ingenious
 ingenuous

Q7 - Rain is ____.

- eminent
 imminent

Q8 - Do you ____ visa payments here?

- accept
 except

Q9 - The building has been ____ since the company went bankrupt.

- disused
 misused

Q10 - The charity was accused of having ____ its funds.

- disused
 misused

Q11 - It's a three-____ house.

- story
 storey

Q12 - The book is so slow that it's ____.

- illegible
 unreadable

Q13 - A ____ gives people advice if they have emotional or other problems.

- councillor
 counsellor

Q14 - Her handwriting's so bad that it's completely ____.

- illegible
 illiterate

Q15 - Did you hear the weather ____ for tomorrow?

- forecast
 prediction

Q16 - The price of bus tickets has ____ sharply this year.

- risen
 raised

Q17 - The police checked every detail carefully; it was an ____ investigation.

- exhausting
 exhaustive

Q18 - Walking all the way up the hill was ____ so we sat down to rest for a bit.

- exhausting
 exhaustive

Q19 - The minister read the ____ of the speech and made a few changes.

- draught
 draft

Q20 - Pubs sell ____ beer as well as bottles and cans.

- draught
 draft