



Elementary

Today we are going to learn some more words that can be easily confused.

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Find the meanings for these words.

1. white – collar
2. blue – collar
3. clock
4. watch
5. fiancé
6. fiancée
7. funny
8. odd
9. horrid
10. horrible
11. horrifying

- A. means an instrument for showing the time that is larger than a wristwatch.. It also means the measurement of time.
- B. Means amusing or comical. In informal language it can mean odd, strange, peculiar.
- C. Means causing horror and shock.
- D. Refers to those working in an office rather than on a factory floor
- E. Means the man that a woman is engaged to be married to
- F. Means to fill with horror and be great shock. It can be used in formal English.
- G. Usually means strange, peculiar
- H. Refers to those doing physical work in industry
- I. Means a small instrument for showing the time that is worn on the wrist
- J. Means nasty and unkind
- K. Means the woman that a man is engaged to be married to

Now complete the sentences with one of these words.

1. They are running against the _____.
2. Marie met her _____ in Paris.
3. She kept looking at her expensive _____.
4. I heard a _____ joke on the radio.
5. The _____ workers were all given an extra holiday.
6. That was a _____ trick to play on me.
7. There were _____ reports of murder in central Africa.
8. The candidate toured the industrial areas to get the _____ vote.
9. John met his _____ in France.
10. There was a _____ accident on the motorway last night.
11. She was feeling _____, perhaps because of the heat.



Intermediate

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Choose the right word to complete each sentence.

1. WAIT / AWAIT

We are anxiously _____ the announcement of the World Cup draw.

I'm sorry to have kept you _____.

2. EXCEPTIONAL / EXTRAORDINARY

These regulations can only be waived in _____ circumstances.

Thunderstorms one day and sun the next: what _____ weather for July in Madrid.

3. FARTHER / FURTHER

Do you have any _____ questions?

The restaurant is _____ from the town centre than I thought.

4. FLOOR / STOREY

WE used to live in a six- _____ building but now we live in a detached house.

Our offices are on the third _____.

5. FRAIL / FRAGILE / DELICATE

The _____ porcelain had to be handled with great care.

The 90-year-old patient was mentally alert but too _____ to walk.

The painted china was a _____ piece of artwork.

Advanced

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Choose the right word to complete each sentence.

1. WINK / BLINK

He was nervous and _____ throughout the interview.

The TV presenter was seen by millions _____ to his colleague during the programme.

2. WHILE / WHILST / WHEREAS

Roses will grow anywhere, _____ rhododendrons require special soil conditions.

The political situation was stable _____ the President was in hospital.

_____ the minister was speaking in Parliament, the lights failed.

3. AUTHENTIC / GENUINE

I read an _____ account of the Russian Revolution.

The old lady said that the sketch was a _____ Picasso. Experts argued about this for years.



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4. COAST / SHORE

The _____ of Lake Geneva are steeped in history.

The _____ is so low that it is often flooded.

5. COMIC / COMICAL

He is such a strange little man, and really quite _____.

He is a _____ actor who has been very successful on TV: