



# BRAIN GYM

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# Words often confused # 1



## Task 1

Fill in the following gaps with the correct form of the given sets of words. Sometimes you may need to change the form of the words.

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22. [accept • except]

- a) I don't need anything \_\_\_\_\_ for sun and blue sky.
- b) 'Will she \_\_\_\_\_ their apology?' 'I don't think so, she's really stubborn.'

23. [eel • ill]

- a) Last weekend I went fishing and caught an enormous \_\_\_\_\_ in Lake Śniardwy.
- b) Oh Molly! Long time no see! Have you been \_\_\_\_\_ recently?

24. [fair • fare]

- a) Mum! It's not \_\_\_\_\_! Gabriel never loads the dishwasher.
- b) The bus \_\_\_\_\_ to the city centre is so high.

25. [cereal • serial]

- a) 'Outlander' is a television \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Lucy loves eating \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast.



26. [either • neither]

- a) I'm not particularly fussy. I can eat \_\_\_\_\_ scrambled eggs or sausages.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ Zara nor Lilly has an ice-cream.

27. [laugh • love]

- a) Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ at my jokes. I should be a comedian.
- b) He used to \_\_\_\_\_ eating spinach, but he doesn't anymore.

28. [week • weak]

- a) The dog we found in the forest was too \_\_\_\_\_ to get into our car.
- b) It's been raining heavily the whole \_\_\_\_\_ now.

29. [teach • think]

- a) Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ about living closer to nature?
- b) We were \_\_\_\_\_ maths by a very patient teacher.



30. [reign • rain]

- a) Elizabeth II was a queen who \_\_\_\_\_ for more than 70 years, the longest throughout British history.
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ stopped then a beautiful rainbow appeared in the sky.

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31. [sense • since • science]

- a) He has worked at this petrol station \_\_\_\_\_ he turned eighteen.
- b) I like \_\_\_\_\_, especially biology and chemistry.
- c) Alice has a good \_\_\_\_\_ of humour.



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32. [brought • bought]

- a) What is it? What have you \_\_\_\_\_ with you? Yuk, it looks like a rotten mushroom.
- b) Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ the school science book, it cost \$15.

33. [frock • frog]

- a) A slimy green \_\_\_\_\_ jumped out of the pond.
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ is too long. I will have to have it shortened.



34. [fewer • less]

- a) The older we get, the \_\_\_\_\_ food we eat.
- b) Today, \_\_\_\_\_ people live in the Bieszczady region than before.

35. [lonely • alone]

- a) Pippa lives on her own and sometimes feels a bit \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Everybody needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ from time to time.

36. [shall • should]

- a) I have a splitting headache, I \_\_\_\_\_ take an aspirin.
- b) You look tired. \_\_\_\_\_ I cook dinner today?



37. [discourage • encourage]

- a) I'm sure when we visit her, she will \_\_\_\_\_ us to stay longer.
- b) Remember? They \_\_\_\_\_ us from installing LPG in our car. Why didn't we listen to them?

38. [weather • whether]

- a) Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ you are going with us or not?
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ forecast for the upcoming weekend is superb! Let's go out of the city.



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## Vocabulary

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. desert • dessert               | 34. fewer • less                      | 68. set • said                            |
| 2. borrow • lend                  | 35. lonely • alone                    | 69. lose • loose • lost                   |
| 3. meat • meal • meet             | 36. shall • should                    | 70. them • they • they're • their • there |
| 4. sea • see • sow • saw          | 37. discourage • encourage            | 71. bring • fetch • take                  |
| 5. lie • lay                      | 38. weather • whether                 | 72. come • go                             |
| 6. than • then                    | 39. woman • women                     | 73. want • went                           |
| 7. roots • roofs                  | 40. dairy • diary                     | 74. wanted • missed                       |
| 8. solar • sunny                  | 41. here • hare • hear                | 75. advise • advice • adventure           |
| 9. food • foot                    | 42. fast • first                      | 76. what's • wants                        |
| 10. hill • heel • hell            | 43. bare • bear • beer • beard • bird | 77. endangered • dangerous                |
| 11. peace • piece                 | 44. clothes • close • cloths • clouds | 78. to • two • too                        |
| 12. quiet • quite                 | 45. patience • patient                | 79. who • whom                            |
| 13. waste • waist                 | 46. board • bored                     | 80. father • feather                      |
| 14. chef • chief                  | 47. wander • wonder                   | 81. tail • tale                           |
| 15. your • you're                 | 48. reach • rich                      | 82. crops • corpse • corps                |
| 16. among • between               | 49. sick • seek                       | 83. sheep • ship                          |
| 17. currant • current             | 50. aisle • isle • ale • island       | 84. further • farther                     |
| 18. lighten • thunder • lightning | 51. human • humane                    | 85. plane • plain                         |
| 19. pour • poor                   | 52. course • curse                    | 86. pick • pick up                        |
| 20. hole • whole                  | 53. stationary • stationery           | 87. feel • fill                           |
| 21. peak • pick • peek            | 54. each • every                      | 88. provide • pretend                     |
| 22. accept • except               | 55. capable • able                    | 89. ankle • uncle                         |
| 23. eel • ill                     | 56. other • another                   | 90. fiancé • fiancée                      |
| 24. fair • fare                   | 57. sight • site                      | 91. employer • employee                   |
| 25. cereal • serial               | 58. throw • through                   | 92. café • coffee                         |
| 26. either • neither              | 59. allowed • aloud                   | 93. receipt • bill • recipe               |
| 27. laugh • love                  | 60. warning • warming                 | 94. cuisine • kitchen                     |
| 28. week • weak                   | 61. beside • besides                  | 95. fee • fare • fine                     |
| 29. teach • think                 | 62. choose • choice                   | 96. through • across                      |
| 30. reign • rain                  | 63. already • all ready               | 97. drive • ride                          |
| 31. sense • since • science       | 64. so • such                         | 98. involve • include                     |
| 32. brought • bought              | 65. passed • past                     | 99. flower • flour • follower             |
| 33. frock • frog                  | 66. delay • delete                    | 100. breath • birth • breathe • bread     |
|                                   | 67. seat • sit                        |   |

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### 6. [than • then]

- a) Bella and I were best friends in primary school, but unfortunately, we haven't seen each other since **then**.
- b) Leo is shorter and thinner **than** Theo.