

A confusable is a word or phrase that is confused with another. There are lots of confusables in English. Can you use them correctly? Test your understanding with this vocabulary exercise.

Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate action.

1. We can see glass.

through
threw

Through shows movement from one side to the other. Threw is the past tense of throw.

2. He let out a

grown
groan

A groan is a deep sound of pain.

3. When two lines meet we get an angle.

strait
straight

A strait is a narrow passage of water connecting two seas.

4. Archimedes discovered a new

principal
principle

A principle is a scientific theorem.

5. He is sick and special care and attention.

needs
kneads

To knead is to work dough with hands.

6. Horses like to on their back.

roll
role

To roll is to move by turning over and over.

7. In the cricket match Team India Team Australia.

beat
won

You beat someone to win something. You don't win someone.

8. We will have to hire a if we have so many guests.

cook
cooker

A cooker is an appliance for cooking food.

9. There is a huge mango tree my house.

in front of
before

We use 'in front of' to talk about place. 'Before' is mainly used to talk about time.

10. The number of students who wanted to the lab was in of three hundred.

- access, excess
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To access is to enter a place. Excess means an amount that is more than allowed.

11. She was displaying feelings.

- ambiguous
- ambivalent

Ambivalent means having mixed feelings.

12. She told many funny

- antidotes
- anecdotes

An anecdote is a short, entertaining story.

PLAY AGAIN !

Answers

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3. When two **straight** lines meet we get an angle.
4. Archimedes discovered a new **principle**.
5. He is sick and **needs** special care and attention.
6. Horses like to **roll** on their back.
7. In the cricket match Team India **beat** Team Australia.
8. We will have to hire a **cook** if we have so many guests.
9. There is a huge mango tree **in front of** my house.
10. The number of students who wanted to **access** the lab was in **excess** of three hundred.
11. She was displaying **ambivalent** feelings.

12. She told many funny **anecdotes**.