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**1. For each pair of sentences, find two words with the same sound but different spelling. Credit will be given only to answers with the correct spelling on both words.**

- 1.1 It was cold outside, so she wore a \_\_\_\_\_ coat.
- 1.2 They wanted to pick up a \_\_\_\_\_ as Christmas tree.
- 2.1 There was a \_\_\_\_\_ with the way the carpet had been laid out.
- 2.2 The new house has a spectacular oak \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.1 You \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a few things from the supermarket. Here's the shopping list.
- 3.2 You have to \_\_\_\_\_ the dough for quite a long time when making bread.
- 4.1 They were going to pay a \_\_\_\_\_ price in order to get the house.
- 4.2 Nowadays you can \_\_\_\_\_ bicycles in most cities.
- 5.1 The student who could remember the value of \_\_\_\_\_ to the most decimals would win the prize.
- 5.2 Mr Martin likes to have his evening tea with a bit of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the words in capitals.**

A man takes a single (1) ..... SPOON of a substance and puts it in his mouth. Instantly he is transported to another world, a place of surreal visions and swirling colours. He rushes (2) ..... HEAD into this parallel universe. What is this (3) ..... TERRIFY compound with the power to induce such a mind-blowing trip? Is it some kind of drug that makes the user hallucinate? No, it's just a humble cereal ad on TV. The Fruity Wheat ad is the latest in a long line of (4) ..... CONTROVERSY ads whose imagery appears to draw on the effects of mind-altering substances. Colin Rees of the 'Stop TV Advertising' group, said: 'I find this and other such ads totally (5) ..... ACCEPT. Take this stuff and you will experience something out of this world – the (6) ..... IMPLY of the ad seems clear to me. The companies who make them will say that any relation to drugs is just one (7) ..... INTERPRET of the advert, and not one that they (8) ..... INTENTION. When I complained about this ad, I was told that it didn't contain any (9) ..... CONSCIOUS messages. I thought that was a bit rich - I think the message in it is blatantly obvious! And I don't think we should be giving TV viewers any (10) ..... ENCOURAGE in that respect.'

**3. Write one word in each gap**

1. It wasn't too difficult to find our way through the forest and we only went \_\_\_\_\_ once or twice.
2. I'm working today, but I knock \_\_\_\_\_ at six, so why don't we meet for a coffee then?
3. Sorry I'm late-I was reading and I just lost \_\_\_\_\_ of time.

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4. There was still another hour of the flight left, so I whiled the time \_\_\_\_\_ by doing a crossword.
5. The fact that he lost to a six-year-old in the first round of the chess tournament is rather a \_\_\_\_\_ point with Craig. Whatever you do, never ask him about it!
6. Don't use \_\_\_\_\_ all the bacon now- we'll need some in the morning too.
7. It took me a while to catch \_\_\_\_\_ to the fact that Ed was kidding.
8. Things were really getting on \_\_\_\_\_ of me at work so I took a holiday.
9. The meal we had at the restaurant you recommended was \_\_\_\_\_ of this world.
10. I'm sure you'll do well at university if you're \_\_\_\_\_ in your mind about what you want to achieve.

**4. Choose the correct option:**

1. The court was responding to changes in American.....  
 a) moors                      b) mores                      c) moars                      d) mours
2. We never thought that our issues were going to be solved in the short.....  
 a) hole                      b) houl                      c) haul                      d) halt
3. A battle for the votes of electors is being ..... the issue  
 a) waged on                      b) wraged over                      c) waged over                      d) wagged over
4. They 'll reduce unemployment through voluntary ..... and early retirements  
 a) layoffs                      b) lieoffs                      c) play offs                      d) take offs
5. It will make a lot of damage before the .....  
 a) affair is laid to rest                      c) affair is lay to be alone  
 b) business is let to be buried                      d) whole business is let alone
6. She had a sharp nose and a ..... voice  
 a) queroulous                      b) queroulus                      c) querulous                      d) querulus
7. This is ..... by the remarkable loyalty he inspires in his staff  
 a) borne out                      b) bore away                      c) beared on                      d) born off
8. In his first night out he ..... the car into a wall  
 a) rammed                      b) roamed                      c) rummed                      d) ramed
9. They sometimes reveal that their phobia ..... from a problem far away  
 a) steems                      b) steams                      c) stems                      d) steans
10. Deep in the forest we could hear the ..... of the tiger  
 a) snarl                      b) sneer                      c) snerl                      d) snort

**5. Use the word "HANG" to form a word or expression that fits the gaps in the following sentences.**

- a) The fear of failure \_\_\_\_\_ him like a dark cloud.

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- b) I tried skiing, but I never \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
- c) When the project failed, they \_\_\_\_\_ poor old Tom \_\_\_\_\_ dry.
- d) Relax! We're all friends here – just let it all \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) Time \_\_\_\_\_ in the schoolroom as students longed for the bell to ring.

**6. Which of these sentences is not correct?**

1.
  - a) Let's sit in the shadow where it's cooler.
  - b) His triple-layer lemon cake really put my banana bread in the shade.
  - c) Since his illness he's a shadow of his former self.
  - d) The new political party wants to represent many different shades of opinion.
2.
  - a) It was a lovely wedding! The church was beautiful.
  - b) They will wed in the Spring.
  - c) They are wedding in the Spring.
  - d) The prince was due to wed his second cousin next year but it is rumoured that that the wedding might be postponed.
3.
  - a) Madrid offers a wide range of leisure activities.
  - b) A number of leisure activities are on offer in Madrid.
  - c) Madrid has an excellent offer of leisure activities.
  - d) I wasn't actually planning to sell my bike, but I'm open to offers if you are interested.
4.
  - a) The coach careered down a slope and collided with a bank.
  - b) She was obviously a career politician from the beginning.
  - c) Taking the job was a smart career move.
  - d) He studied a career in one of America's most prestigious universities.

**7. Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.**

1. The snow has made the road completely \_\_\_\_\_. PASS
2. What was \_\_\_\_\_ in my mind was the question of whether Dave Knew about the incident or not. UP
3. The police were expecting trouble at the football match, but in the end it was fairly \_\_\_\_\_. EVENT
4. The boss was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ of the company funds. MANAGE
5. I always seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ at the bank at the end of the month. DRAW

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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Professor Ogden's knowledge impresses everyone who meets him. BROAD
7. The man was later charged with \_\_\_\_\_ a police officer. PERSON
8. People were \_\_\_\_\_ by the pictures sent back to earth by the satellite. AWE
9. I don't wish to appear \_\_\_\_\_, but you are at least partly to blame for the situation, you know. SYMPATHY
10. The model was wearing a blue dress with \_\_\_\_\_ shoes. MATCH

**8. Write one particle or preposition in each gap**

1. His false identity papers gave him \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The pain killers wear \_\_\_\_\_ after about two hours.
3. I put up with the problem for a while but in the end I had it \_\_\_\_\_ with her.
4. I run \_\_\_\_\_ a huge telephone bill this month.
5. Five people got promoted, but I missed \_\_\_\_\_ again.
6. You'll soon take \_\_\_\_\_ your new boss, I'm sure. He is a very nice man.
7. There weren't enough life jackets to go \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Carol has kindly agreed to stand \_\_\_\_\_ for Graham at the monthly meeting.
9. I asked Jim to name a suitable day but I couldn't pin him \_\_\_\_\_.
10. We don't hold \_\_\_\_\_ much hope that the price will fall.

**9. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the verbs in capitals + a preposition of your choice , and so that the meaning stays as close to the original as possible.**

1. It's a matter of money, in the end. COMES
2. Carol pretended that she hadn't understood my request. MADE
3. His smooth manner didn't deceive us. TAKEN
4. The total came to just 4000 pounds. WORKED
5. The smell of drains stopped me eating my breakfast. PUT
6. If you show up with green hair, your parents will never let you forget it. LIVE
7. Pauline isn't one of the people who knows the secret. LET
8. The treaty explains the terms of the agreement to reduce nuclear arms. SETS
9. We still haven't managed to locate that missing file. TRACKED
10. It looks as if someone has made a mistake SLIPPED

**10. Complete the sentences by finding one word that fits in all two sentences.**

- 1.1 Barry was a very complicated individual who easily \_\_\_\_\_ offence.
- 1.2 I \_\_\_\_\_ to the job immediately and felt like I'd been doing it all my life.

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- 2.1 It was a \_\_\_\_\_ call, but I think Leupers just won it from Collins in second place.
- 2.2 In such sweltering heat, it was unbearably \_\_\_\_\_ and humid on the Underground.
- 3.1 Jane's father \_\_\_\_\_ with rage when she told him she was pregnant.
- 3.2 The lion \_\_\_\_\_ its magnificent mane and gave an almighty roar.
- 4.1 John and Mary met at university, and they've been going \_\_\_\_\_ for almost five years.
- 4.2 There has been a \_\_\_\_\_ decline in the number of male applicants.
- 5.1 These changes will \_\_\_\_\_ better healthcare for everyone.
- 5.2 He's too \_\_\_\_\_ to buy her a gold ring.
- 6.1 There was \_\_\_\_\_ silence for a second, then everyone started laughing.
- 6.2 Turn left at the corner, and the cathedral's \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.
- 7.1 You're cutting it \_\_\_\_\_, aren't you? The meeting's just about to start.
- 7.2 Make sure you read the \_\_\_\_\_ print before you sign.

**11. Translate the following text into English.**

*De vez en cuando una viaja por esas tierras de Dios aprovechando las vacaciones y los precios de las compañías low cost, que al final ni son tan low ni le informan a una del cost que supone hacer colas interminables. El caso es que esta vez a una le dio por ir a Escocia, que es un sitio precioso en el que hace un frío horroroso, y donde tienes que lidiar con aguanieve un día sí y otro también, y en el que servidora iba tapada hasta la nariz, apéndice que no consigo abrigar por exceso de superficie, mientras los nativos iban en faldita y camiseta. En faldita, sí, en kilt, prenda elegantísima que llevan más de los que una se espera. La llevan por tradición e identidad. Los escoceses son celosos de lo suyo. (Adaptado de "Tradiciones" de María José Navarro.)*

**12. Translate the following text into Spanish.**

*The lights grow brighter as the earth lurches away from the sun (...)and the opera of voices pitches a key higher. Laughter is easier minute by minute, spilled with prodigality, tipped out at a cheerful word. The groups change more swiftly, swell with new arrivals, dissolve and form in the same breath; already there are wanderers, confident girls who weave here and there among the stouter and more stable, become for a sharp, joyous moment the centre of a group, and then, excited with triumph, glide on through the sea-change of faces and voices and color under the constantly changing light. ("The great Gatsby" F. Scott Fitzgerald)*

