

Confused and misused words in English

■ Choose the correct word in brackets to complete sentences **Q1–Q10** below.

- Q1.** Although Polly had told me that the new Agatha Christie film was
(**super/supper**), I found it to be quite boring.
- Q2.**s (**beard/bird**) are warm-blooded winged animals that can be found
all over the world.
- Q3.** When he eats mussels and fries, John likes to wash it down with a cold
(**beer/bear**).
- Q4.** The word «.....» (**super/supper**) is used to describe the evening meal, or
sometimes a light snack eaten before going to bed.
- Q5.** As I have not heard anything from the job applicant, I (**assume/
presume**) that he is no longer interested in the job.
- Q6.** John usually goes to (**slip/sleep**) at 12 o'clock every night, but last
night he didn't get to bed until 3 o'clock.
- Q7.** The (**beer/bear**) is a common type of mammal found on the
continents of North America, South America, Europe and Asia.
- Q8.** Pollyed (**slip/sleep**) on a wet leaf last month and broke her leg so
she can't play netball at the moment.
- Q9.** Id (**assume/presume**) that the restaurant would have stopped
serving by the time I had arrived but luckily I was mistaken.
- Q10.** Josh looks completely different now he has shaved off his (**beard/
bird**).

ANSWERS

- A1.** Although Polly had told me that the new Agatha Christie film was **super**, I found it to be quite boring.
- A2.** **Birds** are warm-blooded winged animals that can be found all over the world.
- A3.** When he eats mussels and fries, John likes to wash it down with a cold **beer**.
- A4.** The word «**supper**» is used to describe the evening meal, or sometimes a light snack eaten before going to bed.
- A5.** As I have not heard anything from the job applicant, I **presume** that he is no longer interested in the job.
- A6.** John usually goes to **sleep** at 12 o'clock every night, but last night he didn't get to bed until 3 o'clock.
- A7.** The **bear** is a common type of mammal found on the continents of North America, South America, Europe and Asia.
- A8.** Polly **slipped** on a wet leaf last month and broke her leg so she can't play netball at the moment.
- A9.** I **assumed** that the restaurant would have stopped serving by the time I had arrived but luckily I was mistaken.
- A10.** Josh looks completely different now he has shaved off his **beard**.