

Easily Confused Words

■ Read the sentences and decide which of the two is correct. Definitions for new words will be given in the answers. Try to guess which you think is right.

- Q1.** a) Louisa has been deeply effected by her parents' separation.
b) Louisa has been deeply affected by her parents' separation.
- Q2.** a) You are not aloud to swim here.
b) You are not allowed to swim here.
- Q3.** a) The priest knelt in front of the altar.
b) The priest knelt in front of the alter.
- Q4.** a) What rubbish advise! I certainly won't be doing that!
b) What rubbish advice! I certainly won't be doing that!
- Q5.** a) The current carried him out to sea.
b) The currant carried him out to sea.
- Q6.** a) It's very draughtly in here! Can't you get the window fixed?
b) It's very drafty in here! Can't you get the window fixed?
- Q7.** a) The soldier deserted his dessert in the desert.
b) The soldier desserted his desert in the dessert.
- Q8.** a) If you stick to your principles, nobody can criticise your decisions.
b) If you stick to your principals, nobody can criticise your decisions.

ANSWERS

- A1.** a) Louisa has been deeply effected by her parents' separation.
b) Louisa has been deeply affected by her parents' separation. ✓
- A2.** a) You are not aloud to swim here.
b) You are not allowed to swim here. ✓
Aloud - out loud (e.g not in one's head). Allowed = permitted
- A3.** a) **The priest knelt in front of the altar. ✓**
Altar - sacred table in a church. Alter - change
b) The priest knelt in front of the alter.
- A4.** a) What rubbish advise! I certainly won't be doing that!
b) What rubbish advice! I certainly won't be doing that! ✓
- A5.** a) **The current carried him out to sea. ✓**
Current - flow of water. Currant - small dried grape.
b) The currant carried him out to sea.
- A6.** a) **It's very draughty in here! Can't you get the window fixed? ✓**
b) It's very drafty in here! Can't you get the window fixed?
- A7.** a) **The soldier deserted his dessert in the desert. ✓**
Desert (V) - to leave. Dessert - final course of a typical meal (pudding in many parts of the UK). Desert - large, waterless area.
b) The soldier desserted his desert in the dessert.
- A8.** a) **If you stick to your principles, nobody can criticise your decisions. ✓**
b) If you stick to your principals, nobody can criticise your decisions.