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# GRAMMAR WORKSHEET 1

## COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS



- Use the correct words to complete the sentences.

<b>accept</b> (v.) to receive; to get	<b>except</b> not a part of; not including (conjunction)
<b>affect</b> (v.) to make a change in something	<b>effect</b> (n.) a change in something
<b>borrow</b> (v.) to take something for a short time and then return it	<b>lend</b> (v.) to give something for a short time before getting it back
<b>desert</b> (n.) a dry, sandy area	<b>dessert</b> (n.) sweet food eaten after a meal
<b>its</b> belonging to something (pos.pronoun)	<b>it's</b> contraction of <b>it + is</b> (contraction)
<b>your</b> belonging to you (pos.adj.)	<b>you're</b> contraction of <b>you + are</b> (contraction)

- I don't have enough money. I need to (**borrow / lend**) borrow ten dollars.
- Would you like some (**desert / dessert**) dessert after dinner?
- A: What time is it? B: (**Its / It's**) It's almost eight o'clock.
- I saw (**your / you're**) your brother at the shopping mall yesterday.
- The Sahara (**desert / dessert**) desert is a very hot and dry place.
- (**Your / You're**) You're late. What happened?
- If you need more money, I can (**borrow / lend**) lend you ten dollars.
- I ate all the food (**accept / except**) except the broccoli.
- The new rules had a big (**affect / effect**) effect on the company workers.
- My cat ate (**its / it's**) its food and then fell asleep.
- You should say "Thank you" when you (**accept / except**) accept a gift.
- Will the rainy weather (**affect / effect**) affect your travel plans?

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate adjective.

1. We expect to get the ..... news in a few hours.

latest

last

2. The ..... news from the border is very disquieting.

last

latest

3. The ..... time I saw him he was in high spirits.

last

latest

4. Today is the ..... day for receiving tenders.

last

latest

5. His house is ..... to mine.

next

nearest

the next

6. We will get off at the ..... station.

nearest

next

7. As soon as she finished one project, she started working on .....

next

the next

nearest

8. Both the tiger and the leopard are cats but the former is much larger than the .....

latter

later

latest

9. This is the ..... car I buy.

last

later

latest

4. Elephants are heavier than pigs. X

5. Bears are more rare than snakes. X

### Comparative adjectives.

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) my sister. taller than
2. My mum thinks that cats are \_\_\_\_\_ (good) pets than dogs. better
3. Cycling is one of \_\_\_\_\_ (dangerous) sports. most dangerous
4. I want to have \_\_\_\_\_ (big) car. a bigger
5. A blue whale is \_\_\_\_\_ (heavy) twenty-five elephants. heavier than
6. You look \_\_\_\_\_ (thin) last month. Have you lost weight? thinner than
7. Bicycles are \_\_\_\_\_ (slow) cars. slower than
8. She is \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) person I know. the nicest
9. What is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) film you've seen? the best
10. Computers are \_\_\_\_\_ (cheap) mobile phones. cheaper than
11. Is your brother \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) you? taller than
12. I think Spanish is \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) Japanese. easier than
13. Our dog is \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) your dog. nicer than
14. Glass bottles are \_\_\_\_\_ (good) plastic bottles. better than
15. I think Rafael Nadal is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) tennis player in Spain. the best
16. Sharks are \_\_\_\_\_ (dangerous) other fish. more dangerous than

# "Brain implants lets man write using thoughts"

## GAP FILL

A man who cannot move his arms or hands has used his (1) thoughts to write on a computer screen. The man has been paralyzed from the (2) neck down for almost a decade. Scientists from Stanford University in the USA implanted two (3) tiny sensors into the man's brain. The scientists gave this (4) method two names - "brain-to-text" and "mindwriting". The man wants to (5) remain anonymous, so scientists have called him T5. He became paralyzed after suffering a spinal cord (6) injury ten years ago. The implants have allowed T5 to use his mind to write. He can write 90 (7) characters (about 18 words) per minute. This is five words slower than the average person writing a text (8) message on a smartphone.

The mindwriting system is very (9) simple, but it involved a lot of advanced technology. Scientists asked T5 to (10) imagine holding a pen and then writing a sentence on a paper. The sensors in T5's brain (11) detected the activity in his brain as he imagined writing. A computer decoded (12) this activity into text on a screen. The scientists used a special (13) algorithm to do this. Professor Jaimie Henderson, a Stanford University researcher, hopes this research could help (14) millions of paralyzed people, and those who have lost the ability to speak, to write again. He said: "The (15) goal is to restore their ability to communicate by text." This technology may one day help anyone to write at the (16) speed of thought.

*method*  
*injury*  
*thoughts*  
*message*  
*tiny*  
*characters*  
*neck*  
*remain*

*this*  
*millions*  
*simple*  
*speed*  
*detected*  
*goal*  
*imagine*  
*algorithm*