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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET 1

COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS



- Use the correct words to complete the sentences.

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

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

taller than

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

"Brain implants lets man write using thoughts"

GAP FILL

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

method
injury
thoughts
message
tiny
characters
neck
remain

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

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millions
simple
speed
detected
goal
imagine
algorithm