73. Martin is no good at sports; is too clumsy; it is no wonder he does not participate in any sports activities.
A) timid
B) weak
C) awkward
D) unhealthy
E) angry
74. Generally our memories cluster around certain topics.
A) flee
B) pilfer
D) meddle
E) bunch
75. Finding the missing paper on Frank's cluttered desk is almost impossible.
A) refurbished
B) well-organized
C) tarnished
D) luminous
E) littered
76. Sometimes the most unlikely people manage to collaborate successfully.
A) put together
B) judge
C) stand together
D) precipitate
E) work together
77. The collapse of the stock market last year signaled the beginning of the economic crisis.
A) rise
B) failure
C) rebirth
D) debt
E) revival
78. Taoist principles are presented in Lao Tzu, a collection of essays from several unknown authors.
A) assortment
B) method
C) entity
D) conspiracy
E) editorial
79. The general told the soldiers to commence firing as soon as they saw the enemy.
A) stop
B) cease
C) begin
D) evoke
E) spurn
80. Television, which made its first serious appearance in 1939, did not become common until the early 1950s.
A) competitive
B) affordable
C) popular
D) ordinary
E) unique
81. The officer compelled the suspect to lead him to the scene of the crime.
A) allowed
B) hired
C) beseeched
D) forced
E) helped
82. The feeling of competition in the classroom is noticeable to all teachers, which is not surprising at all.
A) conquest
B) discovery
C) rivalry
D) cooperation
B) torture
83. I was told that the instructions were easy, but I found them extremely complicated.
A) distinct
B) irrelevant
C) intricate
D) extraordinary
E) ridiculous
84. I didn't comprehend the nature of the project until I had read your brief report.
A) follow
B) contend
C) embrace
D) placate
E) understand
85. Mathematics is a compulsory subject in Turkish high schools.
A) difficult
B) easy
C) required
D) despised
E) forcible
86. The heaviest concentration of niacin is in natural sources such as beans, whole grain cereal products, liver and fish.
A) mass
B) recollection
C) scattering
D) decency
E) instantaneous
87. The newscaster gave a concise account of the hurricane.
A) long and detailed
B) sad and depressing C) up-to-date
D) short and clear
E) complicated and intricate
88. Bones of the skull are capable of conducting sounds of the human voice to the inner ear.
A) receiving
B) transmitting
C) creating
D) adjusting
E) convenes
89. Mabel feels confident about her grade on the test she has just taken.
A) depressed
B) sure
C) ecstatic
D) uncertain
E) staunch
90. That matter is so confidential that it must not be discussed outside the office of chief inspector.
A) important
B) secret
C) intricate
91. It was the English physicist Henry Cavendish who first confirmed that water is a combination of hydrogen and oxygen.
A) doubted
B) proposed
D) arranged
E) verified
92. Recent border confrontations between the two countries lend credence to the rumors of an impending war.
A) enterprises
B) consequences
C) conferences
D) disputes
E) interims
93. The congestion on the streets when everybody heads home from work at quitting time make mass transport very desirable in big cities.
A) crucial
B) faux pas
C) crowding
D) recreation
E) contamination
94. The coach congratulated Stella on her outstanding display of leadership.
A) alluded
B) scolded
C) praised
D) contacted
E) admonished
95. Conscientious researchers always pay attention to details while carrying out a research.
A) clever
B) meticulous
C) fearless
D) hasty
E) intellectual
96. The consensus among her family members was that she ought to get married.
A) agreement
B) survey
C) statistics
D) survey
E) prohibition
97. Crying is a healthy way to bring relief from anxiety, and it even prevents a headache or other physical consequence.
A) cause
B) origin
C) source
D) outcome
E) destruction
98. The bulbs of the daffodil are poisonous if consumed.
A) touched
B) smelled
C) eaten
D) conformed
E) torn
99. The Department of Security notified the town council that the water supply was contaminated due to nuclear leakage.
A) polluted
B) tinted
D) diverted
E) purified
C) diluted
100. After several near disasters and especially the one in Chernobyl, a controversy has raged over the safety of nuclear energy.
A) dispute
B) seminar
D) conversation
E) collaboration
C) colloquium
101. The speaker tried to convey her feelings concerning the urgency of a favorable decision.
A) summon
B) usurp
D) communicate
E) assuage
C) impose
102. Teaching provides the chief means of conveying knowledge from generation to generation.
A) reviewing
B) mastering
C) passing on
D) preserving
E) speculating
103. To perfect the book, the writer, the artist and the editor cooperated.
A) kept in touch
B) worked in their offices
C) came together
D) studied methods
E) collaborated
104. There isn't any known cure for dyslexia, but neurologists have developed ways to help Sufferers cope with it.
A) retard
B) dispense with
C) deal with
D) eradicate
E) cure
105. Innovative approaches to manufacturing, coupled with the tremendous size of the domestic market, led to the emergence of the United States as an industrial giant.
A) followed by
B) combined with
C) deriving from
D) mixed with
E) by doubling
106. A number of animals in Aesop's fables are portrayed as being crafty.
A) dexterous
B) talented
C) artistic
D) cunning
E) ferocious
107. Arthur's family have lived for years in a village near one the many creeks flowing into the part of the Mississippi River.
A) streams
B) ponds
C) lakes
D) swamps
E) pools

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ESL WORKSHEETS

Topic: COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS 3 | Level: ADVANCED

Below you'll find pairs of words that are commonly confused (or misspelled) in writing. Choose the correct response to complete each of the sentences:

1. We have to $\qquad$ help for our cause.
a) illicit
b) elicit
2. His website was banned because of $\qquad$ content.
a) illicit
b) elicit
3. The Lakers $\qquad$ the Knicks after three quarters.
a) lead
b) led
4. This water is unsafe to drink because it contains $\qquad$ .
a) led
b) lead
5. That was obviously an $\qquad$ to his previous novel.
a) allusion
b) illusion
6. The ventriloquist creates the $\qquad$ that a puppet can talk.
a) allusion
b) illusion
7. Make sure you $\qquad$ all of your references.
a) cite
b) sight
8. The $\qquad$ of the two men in a dark alley scared him.
a) sight
b) cite
9. This $\qquad$ is a great place to practice English grammar.
a) sight
b) site
10. $\qquad$ parents are German, aren't they?
a) You're
b) Your
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

- Same Sound 4

Directions: Find the word that has the same sound as the underlined letter or letters in the first word.

Board sounds like tore.

## Example:

|  | A. boat <br> BOARD : |
| :--- | :--- |
| B. tore <br> C. scared <br> D. card |  |

6) 

|  | A. coffee <br> DAUGHTER: |
| :--- | :--- |
| B. pound <br> C. prove <br> D. laugh |  |

7) 

|  | A. played |
| :---: | :--- |
| TALKED : | B. needed |
|  | C. finished |
|  | D. listened |

8) 

|  | A. now |
| :--- | :--- |
| ROUND : | B. ball <br> C. show <br> D) although |


|  | A. work |
| :--- | :--- |
| DIRT : | B. clear |
|  | C. steer |
|  | D. part |

10) 

|  | A. crash |
| :--- | :--- |
| WATCH : | B. attack |
| C. wash |  |
|  | D. patch |

## Testing, Testing

Q1 This castle has been here since the 16th century and hasn't really changed - it has stood the test of $\qquad$
(a) duration
(b) time
(c) history
(d) length

Q2 The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've $\qquad$ it to the test.
(a) placed
(b) struck
(c) started
(d) put

Q3 I think you're wise to find out first before you agree and believe it's a good idea to test the $\qquad$ first.
(a) waters
(b) springs
(c) rivers
(d) lakes

Q4 No-one knows whether he'll succeed in his attempt to get compensation as it's a bit of a test
(a) theme
(b) process
(c) case
(d) example

Q5 Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test ....... it first.
(a) travel
(b) drive
(c) try
(d) conduct

Q6 These are indeed ....... times for the government as people are deciding whether to vote for them in the next election.
(a) tested
(b) tester
(c) testing
(d) testable

Q7 He was one of the most experienced of the company's test $\qquad$ who decided whether a plane was safe to fly.
(a) drivers
(b) travellers
(c) operations
(d) pilots

Q8 In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test $\qquad$ and then drink it.
(a) tube
(b) pipe
(c) glass
(d) cup

Q9 The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test $\qquad$ to make sure that it worked properly.
(a) pit
(b) hole
(c) bed
(d) centre

Q10 In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test $\qquad$ on the screen.
(a) paper
(b) sheet
(c) place
(d) card

## A Night Out

Q1 The other night we went out to the cinema or the $\qquad$ as they would say in the USA.
(a) goings
(b) doings
(c) moves
(d) movies

Q2 Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for $\qquad$
(a) periods
(b) ages
(c) times
(d) lengths

Q3 The subject ....... of the film concerned the American Civil War in the 1860's.
(a) matter
(b) topic
(c) theme
(d) interest

Q4 At least that was $\qquad$ to be the background although the main interest was in something else.
(a) inferred
(b) implied
(c) suggested
(d) supposed

Q5 It will come as no ....... to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.
(a) damage
(b) surprise
(c) concern
(d) interest

Q6 The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to $\qquad$ deeply in love.
(a) 90
(b) drop
(c) fall
(d) feel

Q7 When you see the first kiss on the $\qquad$ and you are sitting in row four, it can be very dramatic.
(a) slide
(b) picture
(c) board
(d) screen

Q8 Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly $\qquad$ your head from side to side.
(a) tipping
(b) testing
(c) turning
(d) trying

Q9 And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a ....... in the box at every explosion.
(a) John
(b) Jack
(c) Jim
(d) James

Q10 The following evening we were back again watching television but after the cinema it's never the $\qquad$ again.
(a) same
(b) identical
(c) similar
(d) like

