

## WORDS OFTEN CONFUSED

**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the appropriate word in the following phrases.

1. (insight, incite) the people to riot
2. (elementary, elemental) arithmetic tests
3. the Turkish (counsel's, consul's, council's) office
4. (momentous, momentary) steps to take
5. feeling disaster (eminent, imminent)
6. cheap goods (deprecate, depreciate) fast
7. (capitol, capital) worth in money or property
8. the (affluence, effluence) from the sewer
9. (accepted, excepted) from general order
10. the (allusion, illusion) of a paranoiac
11. the general's (judicious, judicial) plan
12. her womanly (tuition, intuition)
13. to (censor, censure) him for improprieties
14. a king's (spectre, scepter) in hand
15. to (expiate, expatiate) his crime
16. a (satire, satyr) on the poem
17. (infinite, infinitesimal) light years away
18. the flood's finally (subsiding, subsisting)
19. won (official, officious) bravery awards
20. killers (alluding, eluding) the police
21. a zoo's polar and (grizzly, grisly) bears

22. a (discreet, discrete) and tactful hint
23. treachery and other (iniquities, inequities)
24. a high post he (aspired to, inspired to)
25. too (insensitive, insensible) to appreciate the music
26. guided (missiles, missals) in the air
27. for (aught, ought) he knows about it
28. the major (precedes, proceeds) of the bank
29. facts (manifold, manifest) to any one
30. happening at the same (instant, instance)
31. (septic, skeptic) about religion
32. grafting by (venial, venal) officials
33. (suggestible, suggestive) and easily led
34. a (principle, principal) of \$10,000.00
35. an (affective, effective) result

**ANSWERS**

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| 1. incite     | 10. illusion  | 19. official    | 28. proceeds    |
| 2. elementary | 11. judicious | 20. eluding     | 29. manifest    |
| 3. consul's   | 12. intuition | 21. grizzly     | 30. instant     |
| 4. momentous  | 13. censure   | 22. discreet    | 31. skeptic     |
| 5. imminent   | 14. scepter   | 23. iniquities  | 32. venal       |
| 6. depreciate | 15. expiate   | 24. aspired to  | 33. suggestible |
| 7. capital    | 16. satire    | 25. insensitive | 24. principal   |
| 8. effluence  | 17. infinite  | 26. missiles    | 35. effective   |
| 9. excepted   | 18. subsiding | 27. aught       |                 |