Year 5 English: Sound-alike and confused words (Hard)

English · Spelling
Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Which word completes this sentence? “The bus was ___ at the red light.”

Circle one answer.

The bus was _____ at the red light.

○ **A** stationary ○ **B** stationery ○ **C** stationer

2. Which word completes this sentence? “The ___ was stormy all week at the coast.”

Circle one answer.

The _____ was stormy all week at the coast.

○ **A** weather ○ **B** whether ○ **C** wither ○ **D** feather

3. Which sentence uses the right word?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The horse wore a leather bridle on its head.

○ **B** The horse wore a leather bridge on its head.

○ **C** The horse wore a leather bridled on its head.

○ **D** The horse wore a leather bridal on its head.

4. Write the word that fits the gap: “Yesterday Jo ___ the school choir on stage.” Choose from: lad, lead, led, leed.

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5. Which word fits the gap? “May I have a ___ of lemon cake?”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** pierce ○ **B** peace ○ **C** price ○ **D** piece

6. Write the word that fits the gap: “I eat a bowl of ___ for breakfast.” Choose from: cereal, cerial, serial, surreal.

7. Which word fits the gap? “A ___ white shirt goes with almost everything.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** plan ○ **B** plane ○ **C** plain

8. Write the word that fits the gap: “The doctor will ___ him to rest.” Choose from: advice, advise.

9. Write the word that fits the gap: “The koala licked ___ paw.” Choose from: its, it’s.

10. Which word fits the gap? “We ___ the lighthouse on our way to the jetty.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** past ○ **B** pasted ○ **C** passed

Answer key

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1. A — stationary

“The bus was stationary at the red light.” Stationary ends in ary, like a car that stays at a standstill.

2. A — weather

“The weather was stormy all week at the coast.” Weather has eat in it, like the heat.

3. A — The horse wore a leather bridle on its head.

“The horse wore a leather bridle on its head.” A bridle goes on a horse.

4. led

“Yesterday Jo led the school choir on stage.” Led is the past of lead.

5. D — piece

“May I have a piece of lemon cake?” A piece of pie: piece starts with pie.

6. cereal

“I eat a bowl of cereal for breakfast.” Cereal starts with c, like corn.

7. C — plain

“A plain white shirt goes with almost everything.” Plain means simple, with no pattern. A plane flies or planes wood.

8. advise

“The doctor will advise him to rest.” Advise, with s, is the verb, so it follows will.

9. its

“The koala licked its paw.” Its shows who owns the paw. It’s means it is.

10. C — passed

“We passed the lighthouse on our way to the jetty.” Passed is the verb. Past is a time, or a place beyond something.