

Vocabulary

Word pairs

1 Match the word pairs in A and B.

A	B
1 sink	a and see
2 far	b and for all
3 hit	c and sweet
4 wait	d and wide
5 give	e or swim
6 by	f and take
7 ins	g and buts
8 ifs	h and large
9 short	i and miss
10 once	j and outs

2 Complete the conversations with the word pairs in 1.

- A What am I going to get for my birthday next week?
 B You'll have to _____. It's still five days away.
- A The effects of social media have spread _____.
 B I know. It's incredible! The whole world seems to be on Facebook, Snapchat, or Instagram!
- A I'm not sure about going ahead with this contract. There are too many _____.
 B Well, there certainly needs to be more _____ on both sides before anyone signs.
- A How do you think the new Prime Minister will cope with this crisis?
 B Well, it's her first big test, and it's going to be _____ for her. If she succeeds, it'll silence her critics _____, but I doubt she will. I think her time as leader might end up being _____.
- A Sometimes the food in this restaurant is amazing, other times it's not so good. It's a bit _____.
 B Yes, but _____ I always enjoy eating here.
- A I'd love to learn all the _____ of car mechanics. I can change my oil and water, but that's about it!
 B Well, you should do a course. It can all get pretty complicated!

11.5 Listen and check.

Similar words, different meaning

3 These adjective pairs are easy to confuse. Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives.



unreadable illegible

- I couldn't work out who the letter was from. The signature was completely _____.
- I know Shakespeare is very popular, but I find his work totally _____.

childish childlike

- Manisha is so _____. She's always having temper tantrums.
- It was wonderful to watch the lambs playing. I got such _____ pleasure from it.

sensible sensitive

- Sophie is extremely _____ at the moment. Anything upsets her.
- Fabienne isn't a very _____ person. She wore high-heeled shoes for our four-mile walk.

true truthful

- I've never known her to tell a lie. She's a very _____ person.
- I find it difficult to watch sad films that are based on a _____ story. They always make me cry.

intolerable intolerant

- Susan is so _____ of other people. She never accepts anyone else's opinion, and she always thinks she knows best.
- I find Marek's behaviour _____. It's unacceptable to be so selfish.

economic economical

- This country's in an _____ crisis at the moment. Unemployment is rising and more people are using food banks.
- It's much more _____ to drive slowly. You get more kilometres for your money.