WORD TRAPS
SPEAKING

B2-C1



Choose the right word and answer the question.

Which is more _____ (ECONOMIC/ECONOMICAL): cooking at home or eating out? Why? 1	Do you think it's _____ (SENSIBLE/SENSITIVE) to lend money to friends? 2	What is one _____ (PRINCIPAL/PRINCIPLE) you would never compromise? 3
Do you think governments should _____ (RISE/RAISE) taxes on unhealthy food? 4	What _____ (AFFECT/EFFECT) has social media had on the way people communicate? 5	Do you ever _____ (LAY/LIE) awake at night worrying about the future? 6
Are you _____ (CREDIBLE/CREDULOUS), or do you tend to question everything you read online? 7	How do you react when someone pays you a _____ (COMPLEMENT/COMPLIMENT)? 8	Would you ever consider _____ (EMIGRATE/IMMIGRATE) from your country? 9
What do you do to _____ (ASSURE/ENSURE) you arrive on time for important meetings? 10	What kind of activities _____ (STIMULATE/STIMULUS) your mind the most? 11	How quickly do you _____ (ADOPT/ADAPT) to new situations? 12
Is your handwriting easy to read, or is it almost _____ (ELIGIBLE/ILLEGIBLE)? 13	Are you a _____ (THROUGH/THOROUGH) person, or do you tend to rush tasks? 14	How much _____ (FARTHER/FURTHER) would you like to take your studies? 15

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Which _____ (ALTERNATE/ALTERNATIVE) ways of spending the weekend would you like to try?

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What can managers do to boost staff _____ (MORAL/MORALE)?

17

Is there any household chore you absolutely _____ (LOATH/LOATHE)?

18

Is there a place where you go to find _____ (PEACE/PIECE) and quiet?

19

Do you always listen to your _____ (CONSCIENCE/CONSCIOUS)?

20

Do you prefer instructions that are _____ (IMPLICIT/EXPLICIT) or ones that leave room for interpretation?

21

Do you think love at first _____ (SIGHT/SITE) really exists?

22

How do you _____ (DIFFER/DIFFERENTIATE) between a reliable news source and fake news?

23

Do you enjoy reading _____ (HISTORIC/HISTORICAL) novels or watching period dramas?

24

Do you think people feel more _____ (LIVE/ALIVE) when they take risks?

25

Do you think young people today are as _____ (RESPECTFUL/RESPECTIVE) towards the elderly as they used to be?

26

To what _____ (EXTENT/EXTEND) do you agree that money can buy happiness?

27

Many great things, such as penicillin, were _____ (INVENT/DISCOVER) by accident. Can you think of any other examples?

28

Do you think the _____ (AMOUNT/NUMBER) of homework students get is reasonable?

29

Is there a type of music you enjoy _____ (SPECIALLY/ESPECIALLY) when you're stressed?

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Answer key:

1. economical
2. sensible
3. principle
4. raise
5. effect
6. lie
7. credulous
8. compliment
9. emigrating
10. ensure
11. stimulate
12. adapt
13. illegible
14. thorough
15. further
16. alternative
17. morale
18. loathe
19. peace
20. conscience
21. explicit
22. sight
23. differentiate
24. historical
25. alive
26. respectful
27. extent
28. discovered
29. amount
30. especially