



False Friends Exercise

Fill the gaps by choosing the most appropriate answer in brackets.

- 1 Did you know that Chrissie got (embarrassed/pregnant) on holiday in Ibiza?
- 2 The (signature/subject) I hate most is maths.
- 3 Begonia is a very (kind /sympathetic) person.
- 4 Keep (removing/stirring) the soup the whole time.
- 5 I couldn't agree more. That's a very (sensible/sensitive) idea.
- 6 The film *The Quiet American* was a box-office (exit/success).
- 7 How many (idioms/languages) can you speak?
- 8 (Actually/Nowadays) I'm living with my parents again.
- 9 The poor live in the (slums/suburbs).
- 10 The police came to my (assistance/attendance).
- 11 I've got (a cold/constipation). Pass me a tissue, please.
- 12 I was only living with my parents (eventually/temporarily).
- 13 The government have (inverted/invested) a lot of money in the new scheme.
- 14 Do not (invert/invest) this package.
- 15 The Englishman wearing navy blue socks with sandals is a bit of a (stereotype/topic) in Spain.
- 16 He never stops moving some part of his body. He finds it impossible to (keep quiet/keep still).
- 17 We didn't enjoy the wedding (absolutely/at all).
- 18 English is very (important/interesting) for my job.
- 19 All my immediate family live in England but I have a lot of (parents/relatives) in Canada.
- 20 My (journey/working day) is from 8 am to 5 pm but it only takes me twenty minutes to get to the office.
- 21 The Red Cross are (controlling/monitoring) the situation in the north very closely.
- 22 The rebels are (controlling/monitoring) the entire north of the country.
- 23 (Eventually/Temporarily), we decided to go on holiday rather than buy a plasma TV.





Answers

- 1 Did you know that Chrissie got pregnant on holiday in Ibiza?
- 2 The subject I hate most is maths.
- 3 Begonia is a very kind person.
- 4 Keep stirring the soup the whole time.
- 5 I couldn't agree more. That's a very sensible idea.
- 6 The film *The Quiet American* was a box-office success.
- 7 How many languages can you speak?
- 8 Nowadays I'm living with my parents again.
- 9 The poor live in the slums.
- 10 The police came to my assistance.
- 11 I've got a cold. Pass me a tissue, please.
- 12 I was only living with my parents temporarily.
- 13 The government have invested a lot of money in the new scheme.
- 14 Do not invert this package.
- 15 The Englishman wearing navy blue socks with sandals is a bit of a stereotype in Spain.
- 16 He never stops moving some part of his body. He finds it impossible to keep still.
- 17 We didn't enjoy the wedding at all.
- 18 English is very important for my job.
- 19 All my immediate family live in England but I have a lot of relatives in Canada.
- 20 My working day is from 8 am to 5 pm but it only takes me twenty minutes to get to the office.
- 21 The Red Cross are monitoring the situation in the north very closely.
- 22 The rebels are controlling the entire north of the country.
- 23 Eventually, we decided to go on holiday rather than buy plasma TV.

