Easily confused words

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

INTERMEDIATE | B1-B2

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each word pair with the distinction in meaning or grammar.

1 advice / advise	____	a find something existing / create something new
2 affect / effect	____	b noun meaning guidance / verb meaning recommend
3 rise / raise	____	c put something down / rest in a horizontal position
4 remember / remind	____	d next to / in addition to
5 discover / invent	____	e influence / result or consequence
6 avoid / prevent	____	f recall yourself / make someone recall
7 beside / besides	____	g keep away from / stop something from happening
8 lay / lie	____	h go up without an object / lift something with an object

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form.

advice | **affect** | **besides** | **discovered** | **prevent** | **raised** | **remind** | **rise**

1 Could you give me some _____?

2 Noise can _____ concentration.

3 Temperatures may _____ tomorrow.

4 They _____ the ticket price last week.

5 Please _____ me to call Sam.

6 Scientists _____ the cave in 2019.

7 Regular checks may _____ accidents.

8 _____ English, she studies Spanish.

3 Choose the correct word.

1 The doctor *advised* / *adviced* me to rest.

2 The new timetable had little *effect* / *affect* on attendance.

3 The river may *rise* / *raise* overnight.

4 This photograph *reminds* / *remembers* me of home.

5 Bell did not *discover* / *invent* a naturally existing telephone.

6 A helmet helps *prevent* / *avoid* head injuries.

7 Sit *beside* / *besides* me.

8 Please *lay* / *lie* the papers on the desk.

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4 Complete the safety review with words from the box.

advice | affect | avoid | effect | prevent | raise | remember | remind

The safety officer gave clear **1** _____ about lifting boxes. She asked staff to **2** _____ that tiredness can **3** _____ judgement. Posters now **4** _____ everyone to use the correct equipment. Workers should **5** _____ carrying loads that block their view. New trolleys may **6** _____ back injuries, but managers must also **7** _____ awareness through training. The full **8** _____ of the changes will be measured next month.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

A word can change the message

A town notice said that roadworks would 'effect traffic' for two days. The writer meant 'affect traffic': influence it. To effect something means to bring it about, as in 'effect a change'. One letter altered the grammar and made the notice sound odd. A colleague corrected the sentence and added a short explanation. The team now keeps a list of commonly confused words beside its style guide.

1 Which incorrect phrase appeared? _____

2 Which verb did the writer need? _____

3 What does 'effect' as a verb mean? _____

4 What made the notice sound odd? _____

5 What did a colleague add? _____

6 Where is the confused-word list kept? _____

6 Correct the confused word.

1 The price may raise again next month. _____

2 Please remember me about the meeting. _____

3 The barrier avoided cars entering the lane. _____

4 Lay down and rest for ten minutes. _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** advice note explaining four easily confused pairs. Give a clear example of each word.

[ ] Explain at least four distinctions. [ ] Use all words in context. [ ] Check transitive and intransitive verbs.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Confused-word distinctions

1 **b** 2 **e** 3 **h** 4 **f** 5 **a** 6 **g** 7 **d** 8 **c**

2 Correct forms

1 **advice** 2 **affect** 3 **rise** 4 **raised** 5 **remind** 6 **discovered** 7 **prevent** 8 **Besides**

3 Correct choices

1 **advised** 2 **effect** 3 **rise** 4 **reminds**
5 **invent** 6 **prevent** 7 **beside** 8 **lay**

4 Safety review

1 **advice** 2 **remember** 3 **affect** 4 **remind** 5 **avoid** 6 **prevent** 7 **raise** 8 **effect**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 'Effect traffic'. 2 Affect. 3 Bring about. 4 One letter changed the grammar.
5 A short explanation. 6 Beside the style guide.

6 Corrections

1 The price may **rise** again. 2 Please **remind** me about the meeting.
3 The barrier **prevented** cars from entering. 4 **Lie** down and rest.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check definitions, grammar patterns and examples.