

False friends are words that are easily mixed up. Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. Staying at home in such bad weather was a _____ thing to do. (**SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE**)
2. The sun _____ in the east and sets in the west. (**RISES / RAISES**)
3. Please _____ me to turn off the lights before I lock the door. (**REMEMBER / REMIND**)
4. My friend asked me if I would _____ him some money until the next day. (**BORROW / LEND**)
5. Be careful with that painting. It's _____. (**PRICELESS / WORTHLESS**)
6. You cannot exchange any products unless you have a _____. (**RECEIPT / RECIPE**)
7. Alexander Fleming was a biologist who _____ penicillin. (**DISCOVERED / INVENTED**)
8. He told _____ jokes that made the audience laugh. (**FUN / FUNNY**)
9. It took them over 3 days to cross the _____. (**DESSERT / DESERT**)
10. The cuts in government spending will seriously _____ the military budget. (**AFFECT / EFFECT**)
11. He was always _____ to children (**SYMPATHETIC / KIND**).
12. I love to _____ on the beach and read a good book. (**LAY / LIE**)
13. The _____ of the school wants to see you at once. (**PRINCIPLE / PRINCIPAL**)
14. After talking to me he was very _____ to my problems. (**SYMPATHETIC / KIND**)
15. The company announced that they were going to _____ their prices for a second time this year. (**RISE / RAISE**)
16. The _____ I got from my girlfriend was great. The lasagne was fantastic. (**RECEIPT / RECIPE**)
17. Mum told me to help her _____ the table before the guests came. (**LIE / LAY**)
18. Can I _____ your ruler, please? (**LEND / BORROW**)
19. Did you _____ to turn off the lights before going out? (**REMIND / REMEMBER**)
20. You can't talk to her like that. She's a very _____ young lady. (**SENSITIVE / SENSIBLE**)

KEY

1. Staying at home in such bad weather was a **sensible** thing to do. (**SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE**)
2. The sun **rises** in the east and sets in the west. (**RISES / RAISES**)
3. Please **remind** me to turn off the lights before I lock the door. (**REMEMBER / REMIND**)
4. My friend asked me if I would **lend** him some money until the next day. (**BORROW / LEND**)
5. Be careful with that painting. It's **priceless**. (**PRICELESS / WORTHLESS**)
6. You cannot exchange any products unless you have a **receipt**. (**RECEIPT / RECIPE**)
7. Alexander Fleming was a biologist who **discovered** penicillin. (**DISCOVERED / INVENTED**)
8. He told **funny** jokes that made the audience laugh. (**FUN / FUNNY**)
9. It took them over 3 days to cross the **desert**. (**DESSERT / DESERT**)
10. The cuts in government spending will seriously **affect** the military budget. (**AFFECT / EFFECT**)
11. He was always **kind** to children (**SYMPATHETIC / KIND**).
12. I love to **lie** on the beach and read a good book. (**LAY / LIE**)
13. The **principal** of the school wants to see you at once. (**PRINCIPLE / PRINCIPAL**)
14. After talking to me he was very **sympathetic** to my problems. (**SYMPATHETIC / KIND**)
15. The company announced that they were going to **raise** their prices for a second time this year. (**RISE / RAISE**)
16. The **recipe** I got from my girlfriend was great. The lasagne was fantastic. (**RECEIPT / RECIPE**)
17. Mum told me to help her **lay** the table before the guests came. (**LIE / LAY**)
18. Can I **borrow** your ruler, please? (**LEND / BORROW**)
19. Did you **remember** to turn off the lights before going out? (**REMIND / REMEMBER**)
20. You can't talk to her like that. She's a very **sensitive** young lady. (**SENSITIVE / SENSIBLE**)