

5 VOCABULARY words and expressions that are often confused

a Circle the correct word.

- 1 The company is going to **advertise** / **announce** the vacancy in the local newspaper.
- 2 The next time my brother asks me for a loan, I'm going to **refuse** / **deny**.
- 3 Monica feels a bit dizzy, so she's gone to **lie** / **lay** down for a while.
- 4 I suppose I'll get married one day, but right now I'm not ready to make a **compromise** / **commitment**.
- 5 Some people say that gas is more **economic** / **economical** than electricity, but I'm not so sure.
- 6 The hotel upgraded us to a spacious **suit** / **suite** after we complained about our room.
- 7 Let's eat out tonight. I'm starving and **beside** / **besides**, I don't fancy cooking.
- 8 The actress is **actually** / **currently** dating her bodyguard after her marriage broke up last year.
- 9 She was extremely **ashamed** / **embarrassed** when her trousers ripped as she sat down.
- 10 Global warming **affects** / **effects** the world's weather in many ways.

b Complete the sentences with a suitable word from a.

- 1 The managing director is going to announce his retirement at the next board meeting.
- 2 We sat on the grass _____ the river, having a picnic on Saturday – it was idyllic!
- 3 People are very concerned about the _____ situation in this country.
- 4 Doctors recommend mothers to _____ their babies on their backs when they put them to bed.
- 5 You should be _____ of yourself for being so rude to my friends.
- 6 Smoking can have serious long-term _____ on your health.
- 7 At first I thought Dave was shy, but _____ he's quite extrovert.
- 8 It's a formal dinner, so all the men will be wearing a _____.
- 9 I wanted to go to the cinema and my girlfriend wanted to stay at home, but we finally reached a _____ and watched a DVD instead.
- 10 You can't _____ you've had one of my chocolates – there were three in the box and now there are only two.

6 EXAM PRACTICE

Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

The beagle has landed!

The moment you step ¹ _____ the double-locked and mirrored security doors of the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre, you enter a different world. The first thing that hits you is the noise. Dogs ² _____, cats ³ _____, parrots screech, and monkeys jump about and pull at their wire mesh ⁴ _____.

⁵ _____ to deputy manager, Bob Wingate, the only animal they ⁶ _____ had in the centre's 31-year history is a giraffe. 'That's probably ⁷ _____ it ⁸ _____ be a packaging nightmare,' jokes Bob, but it ⁹ _____ be easy crating up an elephant or a lion either. 'Oh no!' argues Bob. 'The big cats are relatively easy. Dogs and cats are worse – they're much more ¹⁰ _____ to bite.'

The centre ¹¹ _____ to handle over 250,000 birds per year, but the number is now nearer 2,000 because ¹² _____ bird flu.

The level of care here is impressive. The dogs are housed in heated ¹³ _____ and have access to big outdoor runs. Everyone wears strong rubber boots and washes ¹⁴ _____ hands obsessively.

The animals are checked and reassured constantly. Bob's colleague, Julie Hyatt says, 'I like reassuring the animals, and they remember you the next time you come to see ¹⁵ _____ – it cheers them up a bit.'