

CONFUSING WORDS

1 For each statement, choose the correct word to fill in the gaps. You may need to make some changes.

couple / pair

say / tell

dish / plate

fast / diet

make / do

receipt / recipe

raise / rise

savoury / salty

degree / career

hard / hardly

rob / steal

journey / trip

remember / remind

sensible / sensitive

- 1 I think my wallet was _____ on the bus. The guy sitting behind me must have taken it.
- 2 The _____ back home was exhausting. It took us half a day to fly from Brazil to London.
- 3 Please, _____ me to call this client. I keep forgetting!
- 4 The sun _____ at about 6 am at this time of year.
- 5 Could you please pass me a _____ of scissors?
- 6 He _____ he'd be home by midnight, but I don't think he'll make it in this awful weather.
- 7 What's your favourite Italian _____? I love fettuccine.
- 8 My sight is getting worse these days. I can _____ tell which bus is arriving at the bus stop.

- 9 Stop teasing your little sister! You know how _____ she is!
- 10 Do you prefer sweet or _____ food? I must confess I have a sweet tooth.
- 11 I've heard intermittent _____ can help you lose weight. Have you ever tried eating only during a specific time?
- 12 I can't believe I keep _____ the same grammar mistakes after practising so much!
- 13 Kim's made an impressive _____ as a doctor.
- 14 These muffins are mouth-watering! Do you mind sending me the _____?

2 Use the remaining words to write your own examples to illustrate their meanings.