A **confusable** word is one that is spelled or used wrongly because it has been muddled with another, similar, word. Some confusables are homophones or words pronounced the same way but with different spellings (e.g. which/witch). Others just sound similar (e.g. proscribe/prescribe).

### GETTING STARTED

Find the common confusables for these words. The first one is done for you.

1. **allude** is often confused with . . .    ________________
   - elude
2. **complement** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________
3. **discreet** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________
4. **faint** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________
5. **flaut** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________
6. **gorilla** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________
7. **precede** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________
8. **principal** is often confused with . . .
   - ________________

### MOVING ON

Choose the correct confusable word to place in each sentence.

1. My brother never listens to my ________________.
   - advise
   - advice
2. I didn’t know what meal to ________________ in the restaurant.
   - chose
   - choose
3. My friend is not ________________ to go swimming tomorrow.
   - allowed
   - aloud
4. I ________________ some popcorn to eat while we watch the film.
   - brought
   - bought
5. The car was ________________ as it approached the traffic lights.
   - breaking
   - braking
6. The boxer remained ________________ despite being knocked down.
   - conscience
   - conscious
7. The dancing ________________ was cancelled.
   - practice
   - practise
8. The room was ________________ despite being full of kids.
   - quiet
   - quite
9. We saw the King’s burial ________________ on our school trip.
   - site
   - sight
10. I ________________ away my English homework by mistake!
    - threw
    - through

How many did you get right?
- 5 = NOVICE
- 10 = EXPERT
- 15 = MAESTRO

You can use your Oxford School Dictionary and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.