

**Commonly Confused Words**  
Exercise 1

**Directions:** Circle the correct word in each parenthesis.

1. John's second wife (emigrated, immigrated) to this country in 1978.
2. What is an objective (compliment, complement) asked the grammarian?
3. A (carrot, caret, carat) is a proofreader's mark.
4. As one grows older, one learns to (bare, bear) up under life's afflictions.
5. What (affect, effect) did failing the course have on him?
6. Some students simply will not accept the (consul, counsel, council) I try to give them.
7. Steven Wineberg is an (imminent, eminent) physicist.
8. Near the end of the play, Oedipus' wife (hung, hanged) herself.
9. (It's Its) not who you know, but what you know that counts.
10. Have you had (plain, plane) geometry?
11. (Sit, Set) your shoes by the door and (sit, set) down.
12. He (lay, laid) his coat on the floor and then (lay, laid) down on it.
13. The students were (incredulous, incredible) that what appeared to be so real was only an (allusion, illusion).
14. After the earthquake, a large (amount, number) of people moved to Arkansas.
15. The speaker (implied, inferred) that he was not at fault.
16. The (principle, principal) figure in the play delivers an address to the audience on the (morale, moral) they should derive from it.
17. Be sure to (cite, site) the proper authorities when discussing the proper cleaning of the gun's sight.
18. The (farther, further) you go in your studies, the better you will become.
19. You may take only five items or (less, fewer) on the trip with you.
20. She (past, passed) the bar exam last March.