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Quiz topic: Confusing words
For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. It __________ her being a teacher, I can’t imagine her doing anything else.
   a) fits
   b) matches
   c) agrees
   d) suits

2. The airport is ___________ on the edge of the city, next to the motorway.
   a) placed
   b) situated
   c) built
   d) existing

3. My doctor says I should __________ the number of cigarettes I smoke.
   a) reduce
   b) lower
   c) cut
   d) drop

4. The judge gave him a 10 year prison ___________ for his crime.
   a) sentence
   b) period
   c) punishment
   d) time

5. I’d like a(n) _________ room for 3 nights please.
   a) individual
   b) alone
   c) single
   d) lonely

6. You can only have your money back if you can produce a __________.
   a) bill
   b) receipt
   c) ticket
   d) invoice
Quiz topic: Holiday English

Answers:

1. It ________ her being a teacher, I can’t imagine her doing anything else.
   a) fits
   b) matches
   c) agrees
   d) suits

   a) If something fits you, it is the right size e.g. these shoes don’t fit me – they’re too small.
   b) Two things match if they go together because they are the same, e.g. her handbag matches her shoes.
   c) I agree with you if we both have the same opinion.
   d) **If something suits you, it looks right for you or suits your personality.**

2. The airport is ________ on the edge of the city, next to the motorway.
   a) placed
   b) situated
   c) built
   d) existing

   a) We don’t talk about a building being placed somewhere.
   b) **If we talk about the position of a building, we talk about it being situated somewhere.**
   c) We could say the airport was built somewhere, but if we talk about its present position we use a different verb.
   d) If we talk about the position of a building, we don’t say ‘existing’.

3. My doctor says I should ________ the number of cigarettes I smoke.
   a) reduce
   b) lower
   c) cut
   d) drop

   a) **My doctor says I should ‘reduce’ or ‘cut down on’ the number of cigarettes I smoke.**
   b) ‘I should lower the number of cigarettes I smoke’ is not correct.
   c) You can say ‘I should cut down on the number...‘ but not ‘cut’.
   d) ‘I should drop the number of cigarettes I smoke’ is not correct.
4. The judge gave him a 10 year prison __________ for his crime.

a) sentence  
b) period  
c) punishment  
d) time  

a) A prison sentence is the correct answer.  
b) A prison period is not correct.  
c) A prison punishment is not correct.  
d) A prison time is not correct.

5. I’d like a __________ room for 3 nights please.

a) individual  
b) alone  
c) single  
d) lonely  

a) A hotel room can be double, twin but not individual.  
b) A hotel room can be double, twin but not alone.  
c) A hotel room can be double, twin or single.  
d) A hotel room can be double, twin but not lonely.

6. You can only have your money back if you can produce a __________.

a) bill  
b) receipt  
c) ticket  
d) invoice  

a) You get a bill before you pay, e.g. in a restaurant.  
b) You get a receipt after you pay – this is your ‘proof of purchase’.  
c) You get a ticket to go to the cinema, theatre or to catch a plane.  
d) You get an invoice before you pay – similar to a bill.