

EASILY CONFUSED SENTENCES - I

- 1 a I live in London. b I'm living in London.
- 2 a I enjoy skiing. b I enjoy the skiing.
c I'm enjoying the skiing.
- 3 a My car runs well. b My car's running well.
- 4 a I heard someone shout.
b I heard someone shouting.
- 5 a You're silly. b You're being silly.
- 6 a John's been to the Seychelles.
b John's gone to the Seychelles.
- 7 a The man was drowning. b The man drowned.
- 8 a I worked in Italy for several years.
b I've worked in Italy for several years.
- 9 a Chopin is the poet of the keyboard.
b Chopin was the poet of the keyboard.
- 10 a She made coffee when we arrived.
b She was making coffee when we arrived.
- 11 a I've been reading this book. b I've read this book.
- 12 a I needn't have bought any wine.
b I didn't need to buy any wine.
- 13 a He must be at the station by 10.00.
b He has to be at the station by 10.00.
- 14 a Will you please help me!
b Will you please stop shouting!
- 15 a He went on to talk about the army.
b He went on talking about the army.
- 16 a You shouldn't drink and drive.
b You shouldn't be drinking and driving.
- 17 a I'll teach you (how) to catch a salmon.
b I'll teach you not to steal apples.
- 18 a I didn't know whether she'd arrived.
b I didn't know that she'd arrived.
- 19 a He was supposed to be at the meeting.
b He was supposedly at the meeting.
- 20 a I saw Samantha at the hotel.
b I was seeing Samantha at the hotel.
- 21 a I go to the Alps in the summer.
b I'm going to the Alps in the summer.
c I'll go to the Alps in the summer.
- 22 a Did you see the Matisse exhibition?
b Have you seen the Matisse exhibition?
- 23 a I stopped to drink beer. b I stopped drinking beer.
- 24 a They carried out an exhausting search.
b They carried out an exhanstive search.
- 25 a Come and see me when you're in town.
b Come and see me whenever you're in town.
- 26 a I won't forget to paint the garage.
b I won't forget painting the garage.
- 27 a I regret to tell you that you failed the exam.
b I regret telling you that you failed the exam.
- 28 a Those letters are invaluable. b Those cards are valuable.
- 29 a I haven't seen Tom this morning.
b I didn't see Tom this morning.
- 30 a I'd rather go home now. b I'd better go home now.
- 31 a That dress doesn't fit you.
b That dress doesn't suit you.
- 32 a He finished thanking us.
b He finished by thanking us.
- 33 a I remembered going into the florist's.
b I remembered to go into the florist's.
- 34 a I soon decided to leave the party.
b I decided to leave the party soon.
- 35 a I won't say anything in case you see her.
b I won't say anything unless you see her.
c I won't say anything if you see her.
d I won't say anything as long as you see her.
- 36 a I can only lend you £10.
b Only I can lend you £10.
c I can lend you only £10.
- 37 a I've been wanting to meet Julie.
b I had wanted to meet Julie.
- 38 a I had my hair cut on Tuesday.
b I had cut my hair on Tuesday.
- 39 a I used to go the theatre a lot.
b I'm used to going to the theatre a lot.
- 40 a He's supposed to have died in Paraguay.
b He's supposed to die in Paraguay!
- 41 a I think we met in Berlin.
b I thought we were meeting in Berlin.
- 42 a Their room overlooked the park.
b He overlooked the broken heater.
- 43 a I didn't buy it because it was red.
b I didn't buy it, because it was red.
- 44 a She's a very sensitive girl.
b She's a very sensible girl.
- 45 a I'm sure he'll come soon.
b I'm sure he'll come eventually.
- 46 a It was James who set up the display.
b It was John who upset the display.
c But Helen upset everybody!
- 47 a He maintains a large family.
b He maintains (that) a large family is vital.
- 48 a I've been reading this book.
b I've read this book.
- 49 a I needn't have bought any wine.
b I didn't need to buy any wine.
- 50 a He oversaw the work.
b He overlooked the work.
- 51 a I'm going to look it up.
b I'm going to look up it.
- 52 a He couldn't help himself.
b He couldn't help us.
- 53 a I tried speaking to her on the car phone.
b I tried to speak to her on the car phone.
- 54 a I'm repairing the car tomorrow.
b I'm having the car repaired tomorrow.
- 55 a I'm going to Paris on Tuesday.
b I'll go to Paris on Tuesday.
c I was going to Paris on Tuesday.
d I went to Paris on Tuesday.
- 56 a Hand the money round.
b Hand the money over.
c Hand the money down.
- 57 a He has a go. b He has to go.
c He has had to go.
- 58 a I'm going to do it. b I'm going to do without it.
c I'm going to make do with it.
- 59 a I saw her drown. b I saw her drowning.
- 60 a I saw her duck. b I saw her ducking.