

## Confusing words and false friends

- 1) Economic activity stagnated as the recession took hold.  
a) action  
b) activity
- 2) Can you advise me on the best course of action to take?  
a) advise  
b) advice
- 3) The strike will seriously affect train services.  
a) effect  
b) affect
- 4) They raised taxes on the assumption that it would help control spending.  
a) assumption  
b) presumption
- 5) The office is just beside the railway station.  
a) beside  
b) besides
- 6) Conscientious workers should be rewarded for their work.  
a) conscious  
b) conscientious
- 7) Continuous trade embargo has badly affected the economic infrastructure.  
a) continual  
b) continuous
- 8) There's no harm in taking a break from your job now and then.  
a) harm  
b) damage

9) Did Alexander Fleming discover penicillin?

a) discover

b) invent

10) The manager made it clear he intended to lay down some strict rules.

a) lay

b) lie