

Confusing words and false friends

- 1) Economic _____ stagnated as the recession took hold.
a) action
b) activity

- 2) Can you _____ me on the best course of action to take?
a) advise
b) advice

- 3) The strike will seriously _____ train services.
a) effect
b) affect

- 4) They raised taxes on the _____ that it would help control spending.
a) assumption
b) presumption

- 5) The office is just _____ the railway station.
a) beside
b) besides

- 6) _____ workers should be rewarded for their work.
a) conscious
b) conscientious

- 7) _____ trade embargo has badly affected the economic infrastructure.
a) continual
b) continuous

- 8) There's no _____ in taking a break from your job now and then.
a) harm
b) damage

9) Did Alexander Fleming _____ penicillin?
a) discover
b) invent

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