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Vocabulary: Easily Confused Words

Study the definitions of the words with the examples from **Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English**.

journey / trip

journey an occasion when you travel from one place to another - used especially about traveling a long distance, or traveling somewhere regularly:

The journey took us over three hours.

My journey to work normally takes around 30 minutes.

trip a journey to visit a place:

*How about a trip to the seaside on Saturday?
a business trip*

say / tell

say to express an idea, feeling etc using words:

John said he's having a party.

tell to give someone information by speaking or writing to them:

Can you tell me how much this will cost?

borrow / lend

borrow to use something that belongs to someone else and give it back to them later:

Can I borrow the car tonight, dad?

lend to let someone borrow money or something that belongs to you: **lend sb sth**

Could you lend me \$10?

lend sth to sb

I've lent my bike to Tom.

wife / woman

wife the woman that a man is married to (wife - husband):

Have you met my wife?

woman an adult female person:

I was talking to a woman I met on the flight.

1. Complete the pairs of sentences with the correct words.

journey / trip

a) My mum's **journey** to work usually takes about 20 minutes.

b) We're going on a school **trip** tomorrow to the local museum.

1. say / tell

a) Could you me what the time is, please?

b) Did you anything to Jane when you saw her?

2. borrow / lend

a) I'll have to.....some trainers. I haven't got mine today.

b) Can you.....me some money? I forgot to bring my purse.

3. wife / woman

a) That's man's is my teacher.

b) Can you see thatover there? She's my aunt.

2. Choose the correct word.

1. Can I **borrow / lend** some money from you, please?

2. My uncle's **husband / wife** is my aunt.

3. Dad's **trip / journey** to work takes thirty minutes. He goes by train.

4. Please don't **tell / say** Mum what happened.

3. Look at the mistakes. Write the correct words.

borrow

Can I ~~lend~~ some money for the bus?

2. My uncle and his ~~woman~~ haven't got any children.

3. My ~~trip~~ to school doesn't take very long.

4. I didn't ~~tell~~ 'thank you' for the present.

5. Mum and I are going on a shopping ~~journey~~ at the weekend.

6. I'll ~~say~~ my friend the good news.

7. My aunt is a very likeable ~~wife~~.

8. I can ~~borrow~~ you my bike.