

## Confusing Words Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. The opera was pleasant but it is one of the composer's ..... works.

less

lesser

least

2. The ruler's ..... practices led to a popular uprising.

licentious

license

3. The responsibility ..... with the driver.

lies

lay

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lays

4. A smile ..... up his face.

lighted

lit

Either could be used here

5. .... me fifty dollars.

Lend

Loan

Borrow

Either loan or lend

6. A Rolls-Royce is a ..... car.

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luxurious

luxuriant

7. The garden has ..... foliage.

luxurious

luxuriant

8. In the distance rose the  
..... Alps.

majestic

majestical

Either could be used here

9. She has a ..... for collecting seashells.

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mania

phobia

Either could be used here

10. He has one ..... - he is terrified of heights.

mania

phobia

11. Only a man of ..... could afford a house that big.

mean

means

Either could be used here

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12. We understood him ..... his accent.

Please select 2 correct answers

despite of

despite

in spite of

inspite of

## Answers

1. The opera was pleasant but it is one of the composer's lesser works.
2. The ruler's licentious practices led to a popular uprising.
3. The responsibility lies with the driver.
4. A smile lit / lighted up his face.
5. Lend / loan me fifty dollars.
6. A Rolls-Royce is a luxurious car.
7. The garden has luxuriant foliage.
8. In the distance rose the majestic / majestical Alps.
9. She has a mania for collecting seashells.
10. He has one phobia - he is terrified of heights.
11. Only a man of means could afford a house that big.
12. We understood him despite / in spite of his accent.