

Confusing words

part IV

economic

The word economic is related to the economy or finances.

For example: The president stated that the economic situation was very serious.


economical

If something is economical, it saves money ("not wasteful").

For example: The most economical way to see Brazil is by air.



Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE.

1. What's the most economic way of heating this building?  **economical**
2. The government's economical policies have led us into the worst recession for years.  **economic**
3. He was always economical when it come to buying presents.
4. The country  is in a very poor economic state.
5. In the current economic conditions, we must keep costs  down.
6. A small car is more economic to run.



 **economical**



effective

Effective means achieving the results that you want (successful).

*For example: The cheaper pills are just as **effective** in treating cold.*







efficient

If something is **efficient** it is done in a good way, without wasting time, money or energy.

*For example: Lighting is now more energy **efficient**.*



Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE.

1. Efficient engines save gas. 
2. A car with an efficient engine is a car that travels a long way without using a lot of petrol. 
3. One of the effective sore throat remedies is using cayenne pepper hot and spicy gargle. 
4. It's an effective cure for a headache. 
5. Training is often much less efficient than expected.  effective
6. Humour is often far more effective than shouting. 



ill

If someone has an illness or disease, you usually say that they are ill.

For example: He missed a lot of school when he was ill.








sick

Sick means physically or mentally unwell; nauseous.

For example: He felt sick after eating twelve cakes.



Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE.

1. He's been ill for a couple of weeks. 
2. If you ask me he's sick in the head. 
3. You'll be ill if you eat any more of that chocolate!  sick
4. She was too ill to travel. 
5. Her husband is seriously sick in hospital.  ill
6. He dashed to the bathroom and was sick again. 
7. He missed a lot of school when he was sick.  ill

