**Misused words exercise**

**Take this quiz to see how many of the words on the Misused Words Guide that you can use correctly. Answer key follows.**

1. By the time I arrived at home, my husband (all ready, already) had packed the car. He was (all ready, already) for the trip!
2. Our director called us (all together, altogether) to make an important announcement.
3. She had (a lot, alot) to say!
4. The four unit managers need to decide (among, between) themselves how to celebrate Employees’ Day for the department.
5. You may visit me (anytime, any time).
6. We want to (assure, ensure, insure) that our patients receive the best possible care.
7. When she wore her blue sweater, she received (complements, compliments) because it (complemented, complimented) her blue eyes.
8. The (continual, continuous) dripping of the leaking faucet irritated me.
9. My sister is so different (from, than) me it’s hard to believe we’re related!
10. Judges should be (disinterested, uninterested) in the cases before them.
11. (Every day, everyday), I wake up at the same time and go through my (every day, everyday) routine of eating breakfast, showering, dressing and driving to work.
12. The (farther, further) I drove down the road, the more confused I became.
13. I had (fewer, less) than 10 grocery items, so I stepped into the express checkout line.
14. The cat chased (its, it’s) tail.
15. He (maybe, may be) going with us to the meeting.
16. At Prisma Health, we believe in promoting (preventative, preventive) health.
17. After her husband died of (prostate, prostrate) cancer, she was (prostate, prostrate) with grief.
18. The train, stopped on the tracks, had been (stationary, stationery) for hours.
19. The books, (that, which) I picked up from the library, are all mysteries.
20. The books (that, which) I’m taking to the beach are all mysteries.

Answers

1. already; all ready
2. all together
3. a lot
4. among
5. any time
6. ensure
7. compliments; complemented
8. continuous
9. from
10. disinterested
11. Every day; everyday
12. farther
13. fewer
14. its
15. may be
16. preventive
17. prostate; prostrate
18. stationary
19. which
20. that