

- 1 What does the word *confounding* mean in this excerpt from the passage?

Miss Sullivan had tried to impress it upon me that “m-u-g” is *mug* and that “w-a-t-e-r” is *water*, but I persisted in confounding the two.

- A. confusing
- B. connecting
- C. contrasting
- D. combining

1 The correct answer is A (confusing).

Type of Passage: Literary Text

Benchmark: LA.A.1.4.2 The student selects and uses strategies to understand words and text, and to make and confirm inferences from what is read, including interpreting diagrams, graphs, and statistical illustrations.

The correct answer is A. The author indicates that she kept mixing up the two words, which means the same as *confusing* them.