

False friends are words that are easily mixed up. Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. The guards _____ the visitors from getting too close. (**AVOIDED / PREVENTED**)
 2. _____ running a grocery store in town, he also owns a fitness centre. (**BESIDE / BESIDES**)
 3. The jewels she was wearing were all imitations. They were _____. (**WORTHLESS / PRICELESS**)
 4. There is always the _____ that the plane will arrive early (**OPPORTUNITY / CHANCE / POSSIBILITY**).
 5. The English _____ is beautiful during the spring season. (**NATURE / COUNTRYSIDE**)
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6. Can you switch to _____ 7 for the newscast? (**CHANNEL / CANAL**)
 7. Mum, what are we having for _____? (**DESERT / DESSERT**)
 8. Don't _____ my sunglasses or else I won't let you have them again. (**DAMAGE / HARM**)
 9. My boss gave me very useful _____ before I left the firm. (**ADVICE / ADVISE**)
 10. Global warming has an _____ on all parts of the world. (**AFFECT / EFFECT**)

11. He took a seat _____ me (**BESIDES / BESIDE**).
12. We have quite a good _____ of winning the election. (**POSSIBILITY / CHANCE**)
13. You should start out early in order to _____ the morning rush hour. (**AVOID / PREVENT**)
14. The policeman _____ the traffic at the busy road crossing. (**DIRECTED / CONDUCTED**)
15. Venice is famous for its beautiful _____. (**CANALS / CHANNELS**)
16. The bank manager was willing to _____ us on the best way to save our earnings. (**ADVICE / ADVISE**)
17. You can get a good _____ of the sea from the room on the top floor. (**SCENERY / VIEW**)
18. I didn't have a lot of _____ at the party. It was so boring (**FUN / FUNNY**).
19. The bank robber didn't want to _____ the hostages. (**HARM / DAMAGE**)
20. The young man will _____ the orchestra at the concert. (**CONDUCT / DIRECT**)

Complete the sentences below, using a phrasal verb from the box in its correct form.

ask out**back up****break down****call off****carry out****come up with****get over****hold up****look into****pull up****run down****see off****talk out of****throw away****turn over**

1. He _____ me _____ going to university because he thought it wasn't the right thing for me to do.
2. After weeks of negotiations the Prime Minister _____ a new solution to the issue.
3. I have to _____ my files regularly, so that I don't lose them when the computer crashes.
4. The match was _____ because of heavy rain. It will be played tomorrow.
5. We _____ too much paper and other packaging. I think we should recycle more of it.

6. It started to rain just as we _____ in front of the restaurant.
7. The masked robbers _____ a money transport and got away with millions of dollars.
8. She's been taken to hospital after being _____ by a truck driver.
9. We _____ him _____ at the airport and wished him good luck for his new job.
10. It took her a long time to _____ her father's sudden death.
11. The police officer _____ the thief _____ to the sheriff, who then locked him up in prison.
12. The investigators promised that they would _____ the matter and try to find new evidence.
13. He _____ her _____ for a first date, so they both went to see a movie.
14. The scientist _____ the experiment in his own private lab.
15. The car _____ and we had to call someone to tow it away.