Section 2

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A attention care notice warning signal caution

1 The scientist demanded extra _____ from the people who were moving his laboratory equipment.
2 When I give the _____, everyone shout "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".
3 If we had been given a couple of days' _____ about the meeting, we would have been more organised.
4 The two students were given a(n) _____ not to fight again in the school grounds, or they would be suspended.
5 Some people don't pay _____ to their pets' needs and forget that they require a lot of _____ and affection.
6 This is a very expensive piece of equipment, so it must be handled with _____.

B insist persist continue last remain maintain protect keep

1 Some European cars are expensive to _____, yet they _____ to be extremely popular.
2 The customer _____ on seeing the manager because the staff were so unhelpful.
3 We repaired our TV set, but it only _____ for two months before it broke down again.
4 I think it's cruel to _____ animals in flats.
5 If Sandra _____ in making trouble, the headmaster will call her parents.
6 In case of an earthquake, people should _____ calm.
7 My family bought a watchdog to _____ our property.

C convince persuade urge impress attract appeal

1 Bob tries to _____ people by buying them expensive gifts.
2 The teacher _____ the students to study harder after the terrible test results.
3 After a lot of discussion, I was able to _____ Anne to come with me even though parties don't _____ to her.
4 The company tried to _____ the public that they were not polluting the river.
5 Children sometimes cry just to _____ attention.

D win beat gain earn defeat fail

1 We have to _____ all our opponents, otherwise we will _____ to get to the finals.
2 France _____ the World Cup in 1998 by _____ Brazil.
3 Napolean was _____ at the battle of Waterloo.
4 I don't _____ enough money. I need to find a new job.
5 After you've _____ experience, you'll be able to get a promotion.

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