

Working words

Use one word to complete each gap in the sentences. In some cases, there may be more than one alternative answer, but you should just give one of them.

1. I'm afraid _____ say you have absolutely _____ chance _____ passing the exam.
2. A few years _____, people _____ to write letters to each other. _____ days, it's all emails and text messages.
3. You can't leave early, _____ if you promise to work late tomorrow.
4. _____ 1999 and 2003, the book sold _____ a million copies.
5. One or two of my friends live abroad, but _____ of them live _____ my home.
6. Please _____ quiet. I'm trying to concentrate _____ my project.
7. _____ it rains tomorrow, we can go _____ a picnic.
8. We wanted to see the exhibition _____ the art gallery, but _____ how many other people _____ be there, we decided to give it a miss.
9. In _____ of missing most of his lessons, he _____ to pass the exam.
10. Teachers are _____ capable of making mistakes as _____ else.
11. I adore spicy food. _____ is the reason I'm so keen _____ Mexican cooking.
12. Jan Kelly, a teacher _____ works at St Clare's in Oxford, has _____ been given a 'Teacher of the Year' award.

13. He approached his English lessons _____ enthusiasm, and _____ excellent progress as a result.

14. His sudden change of heart took everyone _____ surprise, since previously he _____ been very interested in the project.

15. He spent the second half of his life living in _____ remote village of Hogstail Common, _____ he wrote most of his novels.

16. Some people try to _____ up cigarettes by smoking _____ they feel sick, or by limiting themselves to one or _____ a day, but _____ methods are not very effective.

17. My English school, _____ is near the centre of town, is _____ of the best schools in the _____ country.

18. There were at _____ sixty people in the room, which was far _____ than the organisers expected, and _____ there were only 20 chairs, most of us _____ to stand.

19. In most respects he was a normal child, but _____ made him different _____ everybody _____ was his enthusiasm for solving complex mathematical puzzles.