

Words easily confused

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

A think consider regard believe mean

- 1 Please _____ my offer and call me if you decide to sell.
- 2 I have been _____ of taking a holiday. I _____ I deserve it because I've worked hard all year.
- 3 The death penalty is _____ as a barbaric practice by most people.
- 4 I don't _____ he really _____ what he is saying, because he's usually joking.
- 5 I didn't _____ to offend you. Please _____ me.

B realise understand recognise meet introduce present appreciate

- 1 One day I'd like to _____ my favourite film star and get his autograph.
- 2 That's the journalist that _____ the evening news. Don't you _____ her?
- 3 The teacher didn't _____ that the students hadn't understood what he was saying.
- 4 Aren't you going to _____ me to your friend? I haven't _____ her before.
- 5 I _____ your help, but you must _____ that I want to do this on my own.

C

assume guess suppose estimate calculate predict

- 1 Since I hadn't studied for the test, I had to _____ most of the answers.
- 2 We were _____ to play football today, but we cancelled it.
- 3 It's almost impossible to _____ what the future holds.
- 4 I _____ I'll be late for work, since there's so much traffic.
- 5 We had _____ the value of the house to be around 60,000 dollars, but we hadn't _____ the cost of the renovation.

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D

idea view thought point aspect respect matter

- 1 She's very rude and has no _____ for anyone.
- 2 You should consider all _____ of his proposal, because he made some interesting _____.
- 3 In my _____, the education system should change.
- 4 I can't bear the _____ of going back to work after such a great holiday.
- 5 There's no _____ in talking to Clark about this problem, as he has no _____ about it.
- 6 As a(n) _____ of fact, I hired an interior decorator, who gave me some good _____.

E

queue line aisle corridor hall row

- 1 The cornflakes are in the third _____, sir.
- 2 Walk down the _____ and the toilet is the third door on your right.
- 3 The entrance _____ to my flat is so small that it's a waste of space.
- 4 Please get in _____ and wait your turn, madam!
- 5 We were lucky enough to be given seats in the front _____ at the theatre.
- 6 There was such a long _____ in the bank that I couldn't be bothered to go in.

F

available spare free convenient handy usable

- 1 When I bought my car, I got the air-conditioner _____ of charge. It really came in _____ during the summer.
- 2 Every car must have a(n) _____ tyre in the boot.
- 3 The Red Dog's new album is now _____ in music stores.
- 4 A laptop computer is very _____ because it is portable and _____ anywhere.
- 5 I'm _____ tomorrow evening. Would you like to go to the cinema?
- 6 A car is a very _____ means of transport compared to buses and trains.

G

absence lack shortage loss

- 1 After the accident, my father suffered a gradual _____ of memory.
- 2 Vicky's _____ from work was noticed, so the boss rang her at home.
- 3 The _____ of rain created severe _____ of fresh fruit and vegetables.
- 4 There's a world _____ of energy and scientists are looking for alternative sources.
- 5 Although I liked living with my family, I was annoyed by the _____ of privacy.

H

short scarce rare inadequate insufficient

- 1 As a botanist he specialises in _____ species of plants.
- 2 The book costs \$ 21 and I'm _____ by one dollar. Could you lend me some money?
- 3 A(n) _____ supply of oxygen to the brain can prove lethal.
- 4 In many parts of the world water is _____.
- 5 Parking space in the city centre is _____ due to the _____ number of car parks.