

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)
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)