Use of English B2 Unit 9 Section 2

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

say · tell · speak · talk · discuss · debate

1 Don't interrupt the teacher while she's _____ .
2 We _____ the problem at the meeting so that everybody could give their opinion.
3 It's so noisy in here that I can't hear what he's _____ .
4 We were amazed to find out that she _____ five languages.
5 "Don't _____ me what to do!" he _____ to her in a loud voice.
6 The panel _____ women's role in society.

B

ask · demand · wonder · question · apply

1 The customer _____ a full refund because his washing machine didn't work.
2 I'll _____ my parents if I can go to the concert.
3 You must _____ for a visa if you want to visit China.
4 Bill _____ whether he would be able to finish his report on time.
5 The police _____ the suspect for hours.
6 John _____ the waiter for the bill.
7 Most patients hardly ever _____ their doctors' decisions.

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C

require · request · order · beg · inquire · command · appeal

1 The homeless often _____ in the streets for money.
2 The couple weren't satisfied with the court's decision, so they decided to _____ to a higher court.
3 I would like to _____ a pizza and a lemonade, please.
4 The teacher expects the students to _____ permission to leave the room.
5 Applicants for this position are _____ to have a degree in Accounting.
6 Jerry called the bank to _____ about the home loans they had on offer.
7 The army officer _____ the soldiers to swim across the river.

D

advice · directions · guide · instructions · manual · plan · recipe

1 Before using the computer, read carefully the _____ which are in the _____ .
2 If you give me _____ on what needs to be done, I'll make a(n) _____ of action.
3 A(n) _____ to cheap restaurants throughout Europe has just been published.
4 The architect drew up _____ for our new house and gave us some invaluable _____ .
5 Mary wanted to try out a new _____ for chocolate cookies.

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1 There were so many delicious dishes on the _____ that I couldn't decide which one to choose.
2 "Is my name on the _____ of successful candidates?" asked Jo.
3 People usually look through travel _____ to decide on their holiday destinations.
4 I bought some tools through a mail-order _____.
5 _____ advertising the new pizza restaurant were distributed around the neighbourhood.
6 The university _____ contains useful information about the courses on offer.

F refuse deny regret resist reject

1 They _____ not having installed an alarm system.
2 Even though Diane was on a diet, she couldn't _____ eating the cake.
3 Don't _____ that you broke the window. I saw you break it.
4 They _____ to let me into the club because I was under age.
5 My application for the position of sales representative was _____.

G complain criticise object discourage disapprove protest argue quarrel fight

1 The workers were determined to _____ for their rights.
2 The food was so cold and tasteless that I decided to _____ to the manager about it.
3 Many teachers _____ of students chewing gum in class.
4 Local residents _____ to the opening of a new factory in the area.
5 The new budget was _____ for being harsh on poor people.
6 Don't _____ with your sister. Sit down and discuss your problems.
7 I tried not to feel _____ by my low test score, but it was difficult not to.
8 John and Kate split up because they were _____ all the time.
9 The miners closed down the mines to _____ against the inhuman working conditions.

H worry mind bother annoy trouble doubt

1 It is natural for parents to _____ about their children.
2 He asked not to be _____ in the afternoon, because he would be busy.
3 Do you _____ if I come with you or will I be in your way?
4 I'm not qualified for the job, so I _____ whether I'll get it.
5 Jane was so tired that she couldn't even be _____ to cook.
6 He used to call me names just to _____ me.
7 Something is _____ Janet, but I have no idea what it could be.

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