CONFUSED WORDS 2

1. ABUSE / MISUSE

1. She is continually _____ her position by getting other people do things for her.
2. She's been accused of _____ federal funds to pay for her son's private school expenses.
3. This new computer system is completely unnecessary and a _____ of taxpayers' money.
4. If you _____ your body now, you'll pay the price when you're older.

2. ADVERSE / AVERSE

1. So far the drug is thought not to have any _____ effects.
2. He attracted a lot of _____ publicity with his speech about unmarried mothers.
3. I'm not _____ to the occasional glass of champagne.
4. Would you be _____ to having the meeting at your house?

3. ALLOW / LET

1. Why don't you _____ me go? All my friends are going.
2. I would not _____ a child to have a TV or a computer in their room.
3. We don't _____ employees use the office telephone for personal calls.
4. How much time do you _____ yourself to get ready in the morning?

4. ANCESTOR / DESCENDANT / PREDECESSOR

1. Kennedy's _____ as president was the war hero Dwight Eisenhower.
2. There were portraits of his _____ on the walls of the room.
3. She is a _____ of Queen Victoria.
4. He returned to Ireland, where his mother's _____ lived.
5. We owe it to our _____ to leave them a clean world to live in.
6. My _____ worked in this job for twelve years.

5. ASSURE / ENSURE / INSURE

1. Please _____ it will not happen again.
2. I can _____ you the report will be finished tomorrow.
3. Are these paintings _____?
4. The future of their company is _____.
5. The new rules will _____ a higher level of security.
6. We advise you to _____ them for at least one thousand pounds each.

6. BAKE / FRY

1. Shall I _____ you an egg, or would you prefer boiled?
2. Kelly's mom always used to _____ the best cookies.
3. The cooking instructions say _____ it at 180°C for half an hour.
4. It is healthier to grill or steam your food than to _____ it.

7. BORN / BORNE

1. Sarah was _____ and brought up in Madrid.

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2. He had _____ their insults for years.
3. They say that in China a new baby is _____ every five minutes.
4. She has _____ all her problems with great courage.

8. CANVAS / CANVASS

1. The college students were paid to _____ shoppers.
2. I'll never camp because I don't like sleeping under _____.
3. Wind and wave power are now being seriously _____ as the solution to our energy problem.
4. Tom and Maria like to _____ people about _____ tents.

9. COMIC / COMICAL

1. His speech was so bad it was almost _____.
2. My son wants to be a _____ when he grows up.
3. Watching the police try to enforce traffic rules in Delhi is _____.
4. My sister collects rare _____.
5. Of all the writers of _____ opera, Gilbert and Sullivan are my favourites.

10. CONSIDER / REGARD AS

1. _____ yourself lucky that I didn't mention it to the boss!
2. He rarely used taxis, which he _____ extravagant.
3. We don't _____ her suitable for the job.
4. Kubrick was widely _____ one of the most influential post-war film directors.

11. CREDIBLE / CREDULOUS

1. _____ women bought the mandrake root to promote conception.
2. They haven't produced any _____ evidence for convicting him.
3. The story of what had happened to her was barely _____.
4. My brother is _____ enough to believe anything you tell him.

12. DEFECTIVE / DEFICIENT

1. The majority of tinned food is _____ in vitamins.
2. Although my father has _____ hearing, he still refuses to wear a hearing-aid.
3. His theory is _____ in several respects.
4. Retailers can return _____ merchandise.

13. DISCOVER / INVENT

1. Was it Graham Bell who _____ the telephone?
2. Was it Christophorus Columbus who _____ America?
3. She _____ that her husband was having an affair.
4. He has _____ a wholly factitious story about his past.

14. EATABLE / EDIBLE

1. Only leaves of the plant are _____.
2. My friend is not good at cooking but it is _____.
3. Are this mushrooms _____?

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4. Raw meat is _____ but yet not _____ until it has been cooked.

15. EMINENT / IMMINENT

1. Only the most _____ scientists win the Nobel Prize.
2. For a man in _____ danger of losing his job, he appeared quite unruffled.
3. He handled the situation with _____ skill.
4. He gave a dire warning that an earthquake was _____.

16. EXTEND /EXTENT / EXTANT

1. The path _____ beyond the end of the road.
2. We have some _____ parish records from the 16th century.
3. We don't yet know the _____ of his injuries.
4. We're planning to _____ our publishing of children's books.
5. The full _____ of the damage only became evident the following morning.

17. FELL / FELT

1. He _____ the side of the kettle to see if it was still hot.
2. He always _____ himself inferior to his brothers.
3. When the teacher walked in, the children's voices _____ to a whisper.
4. I _____ down the stairs and injured my back.
5. He was so rude I _____ like slapping his face.
6. The audience was still laughing as the curtain _____.

18. FLOUR / FLOWER

1. They've got some beautiful _____ beds in their garden.
2. She saw some _____ and a _____ on the floor.
3. When does this plant _____?
4. Grease and _____ the tins thoroughly.

19. AFTER / AFTERWARDS

1. Let's go and see a film and _____ we could go for a meal.
2. I didn't see her again until a few days _____.
3. She is leaving the school _____ 20 years as head teacher.
4. This message arrived _____ everyone had gone home.

20. ALLUSION / ILLUSION

1. The film is full of _____ to Hitchcock.
2. A large mirror in a room can create the _____ of space.
3. Robert's remark was a clear _____ to my unsuccessful attempt at writing a book. And it wasn't very nice.
4. Bob's hope of winning the main prize is just an _____. His chances are really low..

21. ATTEND / ATTEMPT / INTEND

1. Now that you've admitted your mistake, what do you _____ to do about it?
2. They will _____ to rescue the climbers when the weather clears.

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3. I wasn't able to _____ the meeting, because I was too busy to leave my job.
4. The story was _____ to be funny, but in fact nobody laughed.
5. _____ the church is a must for religious people.
6. The athlete _____ to break the world record, but he failed.

22. BEAT / WIN

1. No matter who _____ the war, there will be heavy casualties on both sides.
2. She _____ the poor horse, but it couldn't go any faster.
3. I'm not very good at chess. He always _____ me.
4. I have never _____ any money on the lottery.

23. CARE ABOUT / CARE FOR

1. What do you _____ him?
2. I really _____ you and I want to marry you.
3. She spends her free time _____ old people.
4. No one seemed to _____ her feelings.
5. Would you _____ a hot drink?

24. CLASSIC / CLASSICAL

1. Do you prefer _____ music like Mozart and Bach, or pop?
2. The show is a _____ example of TV made for children.
3. She was wearing a _____ dark blue skirt.
4. I love the _____ lines of her dress designs.

25.COMPARE WITH / COMPARE TO

1. That book is awful _____ _____ the last one I read.
2. I always _____ you _____ my brother, you're both so alike.
3. The results are then _____ _____ the results of previous studies.
4. How does life in Britain _____ _____ life in the States?

26. CONTINUAL / CONTINUOUS

1. There is a _____ humming of bees outside my window.
2. I've had _____ problems with this car ever since I bought it.
3. My computer makes a _____ low buzzing noise.
4. In the end, it was the _____ drinking that destroyed him.

27. CRITIC / CRITICAL

1. She is very _____ of the way we bring up our children.
2. Her _____ say she is leading the party to disaster.
3. The play has been well received by the _____.
4. He left a case containing _____ documents on the train.

28. DEFINITE / DEFINITIVE

1. There are no _____ solutions to this problem.
2. There's a _____ family likeness around her eyes.
3. Let's make the 9th a _____ - we'll have dinner and then go to the movies.
4. He has written the _____ guide to Thailand.

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