Section 2

Words easily confused

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

A protect rescue save support secure defend guard

1 We bought a watchdog to _____ our house.
2 In times of a war every soldier is obliged to _____ his country.
3 The paramedics managed to _____ the driver from the debris of the car, but they couldn't _____ the passenger, who had been seriously injured.
4 Make sure you _____ all items on the roof-rack so that nothing falls off.
5 Wildlife organisations aim to _____ rare species of animals from becoming extinct by _____ them from dangerous situations and _____ safer places for them to live in.
6 Parents must _____ their children during the difficult times in their life.

B injure wound hurt collapse harm

1 During the earthquake a number of buildings _____ and hundreds of people were _____.
2 My grandfather fought in World War II, but he was sent home when he was _____.
3 Let go of my hand! You're _____ me!
4 The dog won't _____ you. It's friendly.
5 The athlete had a heart attack and _____ as he was running.

C damage injury wound pain ache

1 John was in a lot of _____ when he cut his finger with a knife and had to have the _____ stitched.
2 The hurricane caused millions of dollars worth of _____.
3 After a couple of days the _____ in my lower back had gone.
4 Kelly's _____ was serious, so she was taken to hospital.

D endanger risk threaten warn

1 I must _____ you about my dog - it's vicious.
2 The security guards dealt with the robbers without _____ any lives.
3 Our neighbours _____ to call the police if we didn't turn the music down.
4 The World Wildlife Fund updates its list of _____ species every year.
5 She _____ her life to save the young boy from drowning.

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