

Confusing Words

Choose the correct word.

1 AMONG / BETWEEN

- 1 I saw something lying _____ the wheels of the bus.
- 2 We found a little house hidden _____ the trees.
- 3 He shared his property _____ his wife, his daughter, and his sister.
- 4 How can you find anything _____ all these papers!.

2. BEGIN / START

1. The book was very technical and I couldn't _____ to understand what it was about.
2. It _____ off well, but I soon got bored.
3. Losing the contract was the _____ of the end of his career.
4. My car wouldn't _____ this morning, so I had to come by bus.

3. HEAR / LISTEN

1. Be careful- I've _____ a number of strange things about them.
2. I told him about it, but he never _____ to me.
3. OK, this is important, so please _____ carefully.
4. She was talking very quietly; did you _____ what she just said?

4 OTHER / OTHERS / THE OTHER / ANOTHER

1. We don't need those books, we need _____ ones.
2. The investigation will take _____ two weeks.
3. Some children learn quickly but _____ children need more time.
4. Please give me _____ chance. I promise to try harder.
5. 80% of the students arrive on time. The _____ are always late.
6. You've already had an ice-cream. You can't have _____ one.

5 RECEIPT / RECIPE

1. If you've got your _____, you can usually exchange the goods.
2. You need a can of tuna for this _____.
3. Goods will be delivered on _____ of payment.
4. For real South Asian food, just follow these _____.

6 CANCEL / DELAY / PUT OFF

1. Can we _____ the meeting until tomorrow, please? I'm very busy today.
2. The original orders were _____ and I was given fresh instructions.
3. The plane was _____ by an hour due to a blizzard.
4. The concert has been _____ owing to lack of support.
5. We are _____ our trip until January because of the hurricane.
6. The coach was _____ for about five hours.

7 ABILITY / CAPACITY

1. The health center serves all patients, regardless of their _____ to pay.
2. He has a great _____ for remembering facts.
3. It takes hard work and natural _____ to make it as a professional athlete.
4. With her speaking skills, she has the _____ to fill the auditorium to its _____.

8 COMFORTABLE / CONVENIENT

1. I'm not _____ with the idea of leaving her on her own.
2. My new flat is just around the corner from my office, which is very _____.
3. I find it _____ to be able to do my banking online.
4. Are you _____ or shall I turn the heat down?

9 EARN / GAIN / WIN

1. I've _____ five pounds since I stopped exercising.
2. How much do you _____, if you don't mind me asking?
3. What do you hope to _____ from the course?
4. He _____ the award for best actor, and deservedly so.
5. It's been a tough six months and I feel I've _____ a few weeks off.

10 HISTORIC / HISTORICAL

1. Is it a _____ fact that Washington slept in this house?
2. Many important _____ documents were destroyed when the library was bombed.
3. She's an avid reader of _____ novels.
4. Modernizing _____ buildings can often do more harm than good.

11 OPPORTUNITY / OPTION / POSSIBILITY

1. I was never given the _____ of going to college.
2. The best _____ would be to cancel the trip altogether.
3. This walk provides the _____ of seeing some beautiful countryside.
4. Is there any _____ that you could pick me up from the station?
5. They didn't leave him much _____ - either he paid or they'd beat

12 PRINCIPAL / PRINCIPLE

1. He refused to give me any more money as a matter of _____.
2. Schools try to teach children a set of _____.
3. A small school with just three teachers and the _____ is just what we need.
4. He can't give up teaching, it's his _____ source of income.

13 SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE

1. I am very _____ to cold. I prefer warm temperatures.
2. Of course what you say is right. Any _____ person would agree with you.
3. This seems to be a _____ way of dealing with the problem.
4. Her reply showed that she was very _____ to criticism.