

# Working words

Use one word to complete each gap in the sentences. In some cases, there may be more than one alternative answer, but you should just give one of them.

1. I'm afraid \_\_\_\_\_ say you have absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ chance \_\_\_\_\_ passing the exam.
2. A few years \_\_\_\_\_, people \_\_\_\_\_ to write letters to each other. \_\_\_\_\_ days, it's all emails and text messages.
3. You can't leave early, \_\_\_\_\_ if you promise to work late tomorrow.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 1999 and 2003, the book sold \_\_\_\_\_ a million copies.
5. One or two of my friends live abroad, but \_\_\_\_\_ of them live \_\_\_\_\_ my home.
6. Please \_\_\_\_\_ quiet. I'm trying to concentrate \_\_\_\_\_ my project.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ it rains tomorrow, we can go \_\_\_\_\_ a picnic.
8. We wanted to see the exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ the art gallery, but \_\_\_\_\_ how many other people \_\_\_\_\_ be there, we decided to give it a miss.
9. In \_\_\_\_\_ of missing most of his lessons, he \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam.
10. Teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ capable of making mistakes as \_\_\_\_\_ else.
11. I adore spicy food. \_\_\_\_\_ is the reason I'm so keen \_\_\_\_\_ Mexican cooking.
12. Jan Kelly, a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ works at St Clare's in Oxford, has \_\_\_\_\_ been given a 'Teacher of the Year' award.

13. He approached his English lessons \_\_\_\_\_ enthusiasm, and \_\_\_\_\_ excellent progress as a result.

14. His sudden change of heart took everyone \_\_\_\_\_ surprise, since previously he \_\_\_\_\_ been very interested in the project.

15. He spent the second half of his life living in \_\_\_\_\_ remote village of Hogstail Common, \_\_\_\_\_ he wrote most of his novels.

16. Some people try to \_\_\_\_\_ up cigarettes by smoking \_\_\_\_\_ they feel sick, or by limiting themselves to one or \_\_\_\_\_ a day, but \_\_\_\_\_ methods are not very effective.

17. My English school, \_\_\_\_\_ is near the centre of town, is \_\_\_\_\_ of the best schools in the \_\_\_\_\_ country.

18. There were at \_\_\_\_\_ sixty people in the room, which was far \_\_\_\_\_ than the organisers expected, and \_\_\_\_\_ there were only 20 chairs, most of us \_\_\_\_\_ to stand.

19. In most respects he was a normal child, but \_\_\_\_\_ made him different \_\_\_\_\_ everybody \_\_\_\_\_ was his enthusiasm for solving complex mathematical puzzles.