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Complete the following sentence pairs with the appropriate word or phrase.

1. job / work

Everybody has the right to a decent with good pay.

During the economic recession, a lot of people found themselves out of

2. lay / lie

If you're suffering from dehydration, you should drink plenty of water and sit or down for a while.

Before you begin the experiment, you should a large plastic sheet on the ground.

3. look at / watch

We need to the situation carefully over the next few weeks and see how things develop.

We need to the problem carefully and decide if there is anything we can do about it.

4. loose / lose

Some people are very competitive and hate to a game or competition.

The surface is mainly composed of soil and small stones.

5. make / cause

The noise from traffic outside the school can it hard to hear what the teacher is saying.

Hurricanes widespread damage in urban areas.

6. nature / countryside

Thousands of lovers head for the national parks every weekend.

I'd rather live in the than in a city.

7. per cent / percentage

It is a myth that only ten of Americans hold a passport.

Only a small of land is privately owned.

8. permission / permit

I'm afraid we can't photography in the museum.

We received to attend the meeting, as long as we didn't interrupt.

9. personal / personnel

My own view is that professional football players are paid far too much.

The company was in trouble until there was a change of on the management team.

10. possibility / chance

We might go to Spain for our field trip. Another is that we'll go to Italy instead.

If we act now, we have a good of finding a cure for the disease.

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11. practice / practise

It's important to your English whenever possible.

I think I need more before I take the exam.

12. priceless / worthless

..... paintings by artists like Van Gogh and Rembrandt should not be in the hands of private collectors.

As inflation spiralled out of control, paper money suddenly became almost

13. principal / principle

Many people refuse to eat meat on

She was appointed University in 2009.

The country's food products are coffee and sugar.

I believe in the that healthcare should be free for everyone.

14. problem / trouble

At night, the streets are full of people fighting and generally causing

I was wondering if you could help me with a little I'm having.

15. process / procession

The highlight of the carnival is a huge along the town's main street.

In some cases, applying for a visa can be a long and frustrating

16. raise / rise

As prices, demand usually drops.

In response to the oil crisis, most airlines had to their fares.

17. remember / remind

I can my first day at school really well.

Language teachers often their students that the best way to remember new words is to use them as much as possible.

18. respectable / respectful

We all listened in silence as she outlined her plans for the museum's future.

Everybody wants to bring their children up in a neighbourhood.

19. tolerable / tolerant

People need to be more of their neighbours, and not complain every time they make too much noise.

The local authorities say that the noise from passing trains is, but many living near the railway lines disagree.

20. treat / cure

Many hospitals are so understaffed that they are refusing to patients with minor injuries.

The new drug was unable to the disease, and hundreds died as a result.