CONFUSED WORDS 1

1. ACCEPT / EXCEPT

1. I offered her an apology, but she wouldn't _____ it.
2. The museum is open daily _____ Mondays.
3. Everyone was there _____ for Sally.
4. The new telephones will _____ coins of any denomination.

2. ADVICE / ADVISE

1. I _____ you to see a doctor.
2. She didn't listen to her father's _____.
3. I'm very grateful to you for your _____.
4. I really don't know what to _____.

3. AFFECT / EFFECT

1. The punishment had no _____ on him. As soon as he left the prison he began to steal again.
2. The new taxes will _____ the rich. They'll have to pay more.
3. The higher bus fares won't _____ me. I have a car.
4. The medicine had an immediate _____ . I felt better at once.

4. ANYONE / ANY ONE / ANYWAY / ANY WAY

1. I love him _____.
2. Is there _____ of these books you didn't like?
3. Is there _____ I can help you?
4. _____ can see that this is not right.

5. ANYTHING / EVERYTHING / ANYWHERE / EVERYWHERE

1. He has done _____ in his life.
2. You can use this card _____.
3. Have you seen my glasses _____ ?
4. He never does _____ for me.

6. BESIDE / BESIDES

1. There is not much to do _____ setting the table.
2. There was a small table _____ the bed.
3. _____ Peter and me, who else is coming to your party tonight ?
4. Sarah was _____ herself with joy, when Tom proposed to her.
5. It was too late to go to the cinema. _____, I was too busy.

7. BRING / TAKE / FETCH

1. Can you _____ me to the station, please ?
2. You can _____ your wife to our party.
3. This glass has been used - please _____ me a clean one.
4. Can you _____ some milk when you come home ?
5. She _____ the dogs for a walk every morning.
6. He _____ another chair from the dining room. *(s.p.)*

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8. DESERT / DESSERT

1. He _____ed his wife and family for another woman.
2. If you make the main course, I'll make a _____.
3. Banyuls is an excellent _____ wine.
4. They were lost in the Sahara _____ for several days.

9. ECONOMIC / ECONOMICAL

1. It's not very _____ to leave the lights on when you're not in the room.
2. Because of the recent strikes, the _____ situation of the country is very bad.
3. She's an economist. She's an expert in _____ matters.
4. It's a very _____ car. It uses very little petrol.

10. ACCESS / EXCESS

1. Senior students have _____ to the library at weekends.
2. An _____ of enthusiasm is not always a good thing.
3. Hackers had complete _____ to the company files.
4. They both eat to _____.

11. 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!.

12. AS / LIKE

1. Her hair was so soft it was just _____ silk.
2. Strong leaders, _____ Winston Churchill, are few and far between.
3. He worked for a long time _____ a teacher in Africa.
4. It could be used _____ evidence against him.

13. 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..

14. CARE / MIND / MATTER

1. It doesn't _____ if you can't be here by 8 o'clock. We can start without you and you can join us later.
2. I really don't _____ what happens- I'm sick to death of it all.
3. Would you _____ if I opened the window?
4. Do you _____ to join us for dinner?
5. What really _____ is how hard you try.
6. I don't _____ having a dog in the house so long as it's clean.

15. DROP / FALL / SPILL

1. You have _____ some wine on the tablecloth. I hope I'll get the stain out!
2. Susie _____ her sunglasses into the fountain.

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3. I was in such a hurry that I _____ down the stairs and broke my leg.
4. It's no use crying over _____ milk.
5. John, could you give me a lift and _____ me at the bus station, please?
6. Poor Kathe _____ flat on her face in the mud.

16. EXPECT / HOPE

1. I _____ it won't rain this evening. We're going out for a late walk.
2. We _____ that the guest house would have much better rooms.
3. He hasn't received his test mark yet, but he _____ he will do well.
4. He is a wise young man. Do you _____ him to change his mind?

17. 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 _____.

18. ADAPT / ADOPT

1. We had to _____ our plans to fit Jack's timetable.
2. I think it's time to _____ a different strategy in my dealings with him.
3. There is no English equivalent for 'bon appetit' so we have _____ the French expression.
4. It took me a while to _____ to the new job.

19. AMUSE / ENJOY / ENTERTAIN

1. I want to travel because I _____ meeting people and seeing new places.
2. We _____ ourselves by watching the passers-by. (s. past)
3. I've brought an article from yesterday's paper that I thought might _____ you.
4. We hired a magician to _____ the children.
5. Time passes quickly when you're _____ yourself.
6. The crowd was _____ with a display of aerobatics.

20. APPRECIABLE / APPRECIATIVE

1. There was an _____ drop in temperature last night.
2. It's nice to have an _____ audience.
3. My little donation will not make an _____ difference.
4. I'm very _____ of all the support you've given me.

21. 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.

22. COMFORTABLE / CONVENIENT

1. I'm not _____ with the idea of leaving her on her own.

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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?

23. CONFIDANT / CONFIDENT

1. Are you _____ that enough people will attend the event?
2. She is a _____ and practised speaker who always impresses her audience.
3. My mother has always been my _____. I can talk to her about everything.
4. Colonel House was a friend and _____ of President Woodrow Wilson.

24. DECENT / DESCEND / DESCENT / DISSENT

1. She _____ the sweeping staircase into the crowd of photographers and journalists. (s.past)
2. All I need is a roof over my head and a _____ meal.
3. We weren't prepared for the _____ of thousands of journalists on the town.
4. Anyone wishing to _____ from the motion should now raise their hand.
5. Sam was a _____ man. Everyone liked how kind he was.
6. Last year John made a _____ from Mount Kilimanjaro. When he got home there was much _____ from the university students about air pollution.

25. DEVICE / DEVISE

1. The cartoon characters Snoopy and Charlie Brown were ____ by Charles M. Schultz.
2. We have a _____ that switches the lights on at a preset time in the evening.
3. The umbrella was ingeniously _____ to fold up into your pocket.
4. A trademark can be a powerful marketing _____.

26. 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.
6. Choose the correct item.

27. EMIGRATE / IMMIGRATE

1. Millions of Germans _____ from Europe to America in the 19th century.
2. He _____ with his parents in 1895 and grew up on Long Island.
3. New Zealanders who _____ to Australia raise the IQ of both countries.
4. People say there's no quality of life in Russia, and everyone wants to _____.

28. FARTHER / FURTHER

1. For _____ information, please ring 075-6720290.
2. The _____ I go, the more I miss my home.
3. He could see a small boat on the _____ shore.
4. Before you look at your programme, let me explain a little _____.

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