

CONFUSED WORDS 5

1 ACCEDE / EXCEED

1. She was found guilty on three charges of _____ the speed limit.
2. It is doubtful whether the government will ever _____ to the nationalists' demands for independence.
3. The diaries were written in 1837, when Queen Victoria _____ to the throne.
4. The success of our campaign has _____ our wildest expectations.

2 AWAKE / WAKE

1. Try not to _____ the whole house when you come in!
2. I'm surprised to see you _____ - ten minutes ago you were sound asleep.
3. Businesses need to be _____ to the advantages of European integration.
4. 'She _____ from a coma a few days later to learn the awful truth.'

3 CLEAN / PURE

1. For _____ wool it's also lovely and soft and I won't have to wear anything underneath to stop scratchiness.
2. We want _____ rivers and lakes, where you can swim without risk to your health.
3. The Government schemes to provide _____ drinking water has not benefited the people living in the remote villages.
4. Make sure your hands are _____ before you have your dinner.

4 DISPEL / EXPEL

1. I'd like to start the speech by _____ a few rumours that have been spreading recently.
2. The new government has _____ all foreign diplomats.
3. Actually listening to the record does little to _____ these feelings of disappointment.
4. My brother was _____ from school for bad behaviour.

5 EXTRACT / EXTRICATE

1. It took hours to _____ the car from the sand.
2. After much persuasion they managed to _____ the information from him.
3. I tried to _____ myself from the situation.
4. The oil which is _____ from olives is used for cooking.

6 FEW / LITTLE

1. If you can't fit all the bags in your car, I can take a _____ in mine.
2. After that, she began to tell them a _____ about her life in Scotland, particularly her life with the Rosenblooms.
3. _____ cities anywhere in Europe can match the cultural richness of Berlin.
4. I'm not very happy about it but I suppose I have _____ choice.

7 GOOD / WELL

1. These mangos smell and taste really _____.
2. The students all did very _____ on the grammar test.
3. My dad is _____ at languages and my mum is _____ at fixing things.
4. His job is not as _____ paid as his father's, but he works less, and the holidays are better.

5. Their German is very _____. They speak German very _____. They speak very _____ German.

8 ADDICT / EDICT

1. The children were in danger of picking up needles used by crack _____.
2. The City Council issued an _____ against spitting in the street.
3. They were shocked to discover that their daughter was a heroin _____.
4. Finally he issued an _____, prohibiting the smoking of tobacco throughout the New Netherlands.

9 EVOKE / INVOKE

1. His passionate words _____ the ugly memories of the war. (s.p.)
2. Their sacred dance is performed to _____ ancient gods.
3. This detergent is designed to _____ the fresh smell of summer meadows
4. Police can _____ the law to regulate access to these places.

10 ALMOST / MOST

1. A car suddenly appeared from nowhere and _____ made me fall off my pony.
2. In this school, _____ of the children are from the Chinese community.
3. Tom attended _____ of the monthly fairs in Belmullet and _____ days had a few ponies for sale.
4. _____ artists find it _____ impossible to make a living from art alone.
5. Her paintings are _____ photographic in their detail and accuracy.

11 CONFIDENTIALLY / CONFIDENTLY

1. Can you _____ say it is safe for customers to use this right now to check their ranks?
2. All information supplied will be treated _____.
3. Carefully but _____, I step on the rocks that still emerge from the surf and climb back to the sandy beach.
4. _____, I am not sure that it wasn't above their heads.

12 DISTINCT / DISTINCTIVE

1. Mars is sometimes called the Red Planet because of its _____ colour.
2. There are two _____ factions within the one political party.
3. One _____ feature, however, is the option of a tutorial service by post.
4. The band's sound is a _____ mixture of funk and rap.
5. The two concepts are quite _____ from each other.

13 E.G. / ETC. / I.E.

1. The hotel is closed during low season, _____ from October to March.
2. You should eat more food that contains a lot of fibre, _____ fruit, vegetables, and bread.
3. For all churches decorous dress is required, _____ no shorts, bare shoulders, _____
4. You often write a slash between alternatives, _____ "and/or".
5. Pigment is mixed into oil, glue, egg, _____ to make different types of paint.

14 GORILLA / GUERRILLA

1. Some of the most famous animals in danger are tigers, rhinoceroses, and _____.
2. A small band of _____ has blown up a train in the mountains.

3. Here's a great idea...we'll team an attractive, smart, considerate wife with a fat, obnoxious, _____ of a husband... people will never see this coming!

4. Rebel _____ would be tracked, then intercepted before reaching their targets.

15 ALONE / LONELY

1. She says she feels very _____ and depressed living in that big house.
2. She was _____ when she heard the sad news.
3. It's impossible to discuss as a committee. The chairman _____ will decide.
4. Without her friends, it was a long and _____ journey.

16 BY / UNTIL

1. You'll have to wait _____ your next birthday for a new bike.
2. Can we finish this meeting _____ 5 pm. I have to get to the station _____ 5.30 pm.
3. I'll be out of the office _____ 17th May. I will reply to your email after that date.
4. I was up _____ half eleven o'clock to get my homework finished.
5. They should have been here _____ now.

17 CONSCIENCE / CONSCIOUS

1. It wasn't a _____ decision to lose weight. It just happened.
2. My _____ would really bother me if I wore a fur coat.
3. The charity used photos of starving children in an attempt to jolt the public _____.
4. My tooth doesn't exactly hurt, but I'm _____ of it all the time.

18 DISTRUST / MISTRUST

1. Many politicians are deeply _____ by the electorate.
2. The world _____ us and reviles our president for this.
3. Many of his poems show an intense _____ for machinery, which is not surprising for poets of that age
4. If your opponent hates or _____ you from the start, let him.

19 BIANNUAL / BIENNIAL

1. This _____ festival took place in late June, beginning in 1961 and ran for 28 years.
2. The committee has just published its _____ report.
3. It is only eight months until the country's _____ ratings are released for national garden cities.
4. I need to get my _____ haircut, which is several months overdue...

20 CONSERVE / PRESERVE

1. We want to _____ the character of the town while improving the facilities.
2. I'm not being lazy - I'm just _____ my strength for later.
3. There is, however, enough money available to maintain and _____ the mill in good working order.
4. The republic's factories have closed for the weekend to _____ energy.

21 DEFERENCE / DIFFERENCE

1. They had a _____ of opinion about their child's education.
2. She covered her head in _____ to Muslim custom.
3. Is there any significant _____ in quality between these two items?
4. Well, you could try apologizing to her - for all the _____ it will make.

5. But a loss of _____ is very different from a loss of respect for other people.

22 ENSURE / INSURE

1. All our household goods are _____ against accidental damage.
2. The role of the police is to _____ that the law is obeyed.
3. We must _____ that tourism develops in harmony with the environment.
4. They refused to _____ us because they said we're too old.

23 EXCEPT / EXEMPT / EXPECT

1. She had been unable to say where she was _____ that it was wooded.
2. You shouldn't _____ others to do your work for you.
3. The government has few options _____ to keep interest rates high.
4. Small businesses are _____ from the tax increase.
5. This is your captain speaking. We _____ to be landing at London Heathrow in an hour's time.
6. His age _____ him from conscription, but he had enlisted anyway.

24 FAIR / FARE

1. Low-paid workers will _____ badly under this government.
2. Films are rated on a scale of poor, _____, good and excellent.
3. Take some foreign currency to cover incidentals like the taxi _____ to your hotel.
4. They claimed that the election had been _____, but really it was a sham.
5. I think it's _____ to say that you've done less of the work than I have.
6. We went by bus to the _____ in Camden town. The bus _____ is not very expensive.

25 EPIGRAM / EPIGRAPH

1. One of Oscar Wilde's most frequently quoted _____ is "I can resist everything except temptation"
2. The _____ to the book is from Northanger Abbey.
3. It is a book of hard-won wisdom and stark pleasure in the form of 500 lyrical aphorisms and _____.
4. The satirical structure and style of the novel are suggested by an _____ from Mark Twain's travel book.

26 FAST / QUICK / QUICKLY

1. Given his age, he's a remarkably _____ runner.
2. I only had time for a _____ glance at the paper this morning.
3. The _____ train stops at fewer stations and travels _____ to London takes less than an hour.
4. I tried to catch him but he was too _____ for me.
5. The police car was going so _____, it must have been chasing someone.
6. And we are going to need to get it back in order as _____ as possible.

27 FULL / FULSOME

1. Did the kids enjoy their trip to the zoo?" "Oh, yes, they were _____ of it when they got back this afternoon.
2. Her new book has received _____ praise from the critics.
3. Our guests were _____ in their compliments about the food.
4. Since he got his new job, he's been very _____ of his own importance.