

Confused words with A.

1. ACCESS / EXCESS

Senior students have _____ to the library at weekends.

An _____ of enthusiasm is not always a good thing.

Hackers had complete _____ to the company files.

2. AMONG / BETWEEN

I saw something lying _____ the wheels of the bus.

We found a little house hidden _____ the trees.

He shared his property _____ his wife, his daughter, and his sister.

3. ACCEPT / EXCEPT

I offered her an apology, but she wouldn't _____ it.

The museum is open daily _____ Mondays.

Everyone was there _____ for Sally.

The new telephones will _____ coins of any denomination.

4. ADVICE / ADVISE

I _____ you to see a doctor.

She didn't listen to her father's _____.

I'm very grateful to you for your _____.

I really don't know what to _____.

5. AFFECT / EFFECT

The punishment had no _____ on him. As soon as he left the prison he began to steal again.

The new taxes will _____ the rich. They'll have to pay more.

The higher bus fares won't _____ me. I have a car.

The medicine had an immediate _____. I felt better at once.

6. ABILITY / CAPACITY

The health center serves all patients, regardless of their _____ to pay.

He has a great _____ for remembering facts.

It takes hard work and natural _____ to make it as a professional athlete.

With her speaking skills, she has the _____ to fill the auditorium to its _____.

7. ADAPT / ADOPT

We had to _____ our plans to fit Jack's timetable.

I think it's time to _____ a different strategy in my dealings with him.

There is no English equivalent for 'bon appetit' so we have _____ the French expression.

It took me a while to _____ to the new job.

8. AMUSE / ENJOY / ENTERTAIN

I want to travel because I _____ meeting people and seeing new places.

We entertained ourselves by watching the passers-by. (s. past)
I've brought an article from yesterday's paper that I thought might interest you.
We hired a magician to entertain the children.
Time passes quickly when you're occupying yourself.
The crowd was entertained with a display of aerobatics.

9. APPRECIABLE / APPRECIATIVE

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

10. ABUSE / MISUSE

She is continually abusing her position by getting other people do things for her.
She's been accused of misusing federal funds to pay for her son's private school expenses.
This new computer system is completely unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers' money.
If you abuse your body now, you'll pay the price when you're older.

11. ADVERSE / AVERSE

So far the drug is thought not to have any adverse effects.
He attracted a lot of adverse publicity with his speech about unmarried mothers.
I'm not averse to the occasional glass of champagne.
Would you be averse to having the meeting at your house?

12. ALLOW / LET

Why don't you allow me go? All my friends are going.
I would not allow a child to have a TV or a computer in their room.
We don't allow employees use the office telephone for personal calls.
How much time do you allow yourself to get ready in the morning?

13. ANCESTOR / DESCENDANT / PREDECESSOR

Kennedy's ancestor as president was the war hero Dwight Eisenhower.
There were portraits of his descendants on the walls of the room.
She is a descendant of Queen Victoria.
He returned to Ireland, where his mother's predecessor lived.
We owe it to our ancestors to leave them a clean world to live in.
My ancestor worked in this job for twelve years.

14. ASSURE / ENSURE / INSURE

Please assure it will not happen again.
I can assure you the report will be finished tomorrow.

Are these paintings _____?

The future of their company is _____.

The new rules will _____ a higher level of security.

We advise you to _____ them for at least one thousand pounds each.

15. ALLUSION / ILLUSION

The film is full of _____ to Hitchcock.

A large mirror in a room can create the _____ of space.

Bob's hope of winning the main prize is just an _____. His chances are really low..

16. ATTEND / ATTEMPT / INTEND

Now that you've admitted your mistake, what do you _____ to do about it?

They will _____ to rescue the climbers when the weather clears.

I wasn't able to _____ the meeting, because I was too busy to leave my job.

The story was _____ to be funny, but in fact nobody laughed.

_____ the church is a must for religious people.

The athlete _____ to break the world record, but he failed.

17. AMIABLE / AMICABLE

Two _____ people might share an _____ friendship.

So _____ was the mood of the meeting that a decision was soon reached.

The dispute was finally settled in a very _____ manner.

He was _____ and charming, and he possessed an ability to make people feel comfortable in his presence.

18. AVOID / EVADE / PREVENT

Mike swerved sharply to the left to _____ crashing into the lorry.

The rules are intended to _____ accidents.

She leaned forward to kiss him but he _____ her by pretending to sneeze.

We were _____ from entering the site.

It makes no sense to try to _____ paying taxes. Sooner or later, the tax office will find out about it.

Pregnant women should _____ certain foods such as raw eggs.

19. AMOUNT / NUMBER

Large _____ of invitations were sent.

He paid regular _____ of money to a charity.

The _____ of homeless children in the city has risen alarmingly.

The _____ of money you make in a year depends on the _____ of deals you close.

20. ARISE / AROUSE

Emotional speeches always _____ strong feelings.

Problems like this _____ every day in the factory.

We'll buy other pieces of clothing if the need _____.

Reading that book when I was a child _____ my interest in literature.

21. ALLUSIVE / ELUSIVE

The answers to these questions remain as _____ as ever.

Her music is witty, ironic, and _____.

I'm tired of his _____ speech. He should just say what he means.

I had no luck in tracking down this _____ man.

22. AMORAL / IMMORAL

Humans, he argues, are _____ and what guides them is not any sense of morality but an instinct for survival.

The council judged the film to be _____ and obscene.

The client pays for the _____ expertise of the lawyer.

It's an _____ tax, because the poor will pay relatively more.

23. APPRAISE / APPRISE

The president has been _____ of the situation.

He had the stamp collection _____ by an expert.

Have the customers been fully _____ of the advantages?

24. ASSUME / PRESUME

I _____ you knew each other because you went to the same school;

Two of the journalists went missing and are _____ dead.

I _____ the role of the aggressor in the conversation. (s.p.)

25. ALLUDE / ELUDE

The thief _____ the authorities for months.

She had a way of _____ to Jean but never saying her name.

After three years, the cup still _____ him.

26. AMBIGUOUS / AMBIVALENT / EQUIVOCAL

What do you think the title really means? It's rather _____, isn't it?

They are _____ and, in some cases, they are just wrong.

If you don't use the correct grammar the meaning can be a bit _____ and lead to confusion.

Some loved her, some hated her, few were _____ about her.

_____ too great a level of familiarity.

27. ACCEDE / EXCEED

She was found guilty on three charges of _____ the speed limit.

It is doubtful whether the government will ever _____ to the nationalists' demands for independence.

The diaries were written in 1837, when Queen Victoria _____ to the throne.

The success of our campaign has _____ our wildest expectations.

28. AWAKE / WAKE

Try not to _____ the whole house when you come in!

I'm surprised to see you _____ - ten minutes ago you were sound asleep.

Businesses need to be _____ to the advantages of European integration.

'She _____ from a coma a few days later to learn the awful truth.

29. ADDICT / EDICT

The children were in danger of picking up needles used by crack _____.

The City Council issued an _____ against spitting in the street.

They were shocked to discover that their daughter was a heroin _____.

Finally he issued an _____, prohibiting the smoking of tobacco throughout the New Netherlands.

30. ALONE / LONELY

She says she feels very _____ and depressed living in that big house.

She was _____ when she heard the sad news.

It's impossible to discuss as a committee. The chairman _____ will decide.

Without her friends, it was a long and _____ journey.