

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

9. APPRECIABLE / APPRECIATIVE

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

10. ABUSE / MISUSE

She is continually _____ her position by getting other people do things for her.
She's been accused of _____ federal funds to pay for her son's private school expenses.
This new computer system is completely unnecessary and a _____ of taxpayers' money.
If you _____ 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 _____ effects.
He attracted a lot of _____ publicity with his speech about unmarried mothers.
I'm not _____ to the occasional glass of champagne.
Would you be _____ to having the meeting at your house?

12. ALLOW / LET

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

13. ANCESTOR / DESCENDANT / PREDECESSOR

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

14. ASSURE / ENSURE / INSURE

Please _____ it will not happen again.
I can _____ 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.