

Confused words D.

1. DESERT / DESSERT

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

2. DROP / FALL / SPILL

- You have _____ some wine on the tablecloth. I hope I'll get the stain out!
- Susie _____ her sunglasses into the fountain.
- I was in such a hurry that I _____ down the stairs and broke my leg.
- It's no use crying over _____ milk.
- John, could you give me a lift and _____ me at the bus station, please?
- Poor Kathe _____ flat on her face in the mud.

3. DECENT / DESCEND / DESCENT / DISSENT

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

4. DEVICE / DEVISE

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

5. DEFECTIVE / DEFICIENT

- The majority of tinned food is _____ in vitamins.
- Although my father has _____ hearing, he still refuses to wear a hearing-aid.
- His theory is _____ in several respects.
- Retailers can return _____ merchandise.

6. DISCOVER / INVENT

- Was it Graham Bell who _____ the telephone?
- Was it Christophorus Columbus who _____ America?
- She _____ that her husband was having an affair.
- He has _____ a wholly factitious story about his past.

7. DEFINITE / DEFINITIVE

- There are no _____ solutions to this problem.
- There's a _____ family likeness around her eyes.
- Let's make the 9th a _____ - we'll have dinner and then go to the movies.
- He has written the _____ guide to Thailand.

8. DISCREET / DISCRETE

- The family made _____ enquiries about his back ground.
- These small companies now have their own _____ identity.
- They are very good assistants, very _____ - they wouldn't go talking to the press.

9. DENY / REFUSE

- There was a young boy at the traffic lights asking for money but Tom _____ him.
- The soldier applied for a short leave but was _____ permission.
- They accused him of having stolen the money but he _____ it.
- The French writer Jean-Paul Sartre _____ the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1964.

10. DOCILE / DOMESTIC / TAME

- They have a big dog, but he's real friendly and _____.
- After a few months' contact the monkeys become very _____.
- They are _____, gentle animals, who will wander your back garden in search of tender shoots to eat.
- A _____ animal is an animal that can live with Human. Such as dogs, cats, rats, snakes.
- That lion acts as _____ as a house cat.
- The children coped well with the issue of _____ abuse.

11. DEFUSE / DIFFUSE

- Television is a powerful means of _____ knowledge.
- Bomb disposal experts have _____ a 110-pound bomb at a subway station this afternoon.
- The negotiator successfully _____ the situation (s.p.)
- The drop of red dye _____ slowly in the water. (s.p.)

12. DESPERATE / DISPARATE

- The two cultures were so utterly _____ that she found it hard to adapt from one to the other.
- The situation is _____ - we have no food, very little water and no medical supplies.
- For us to succeed it is essential for _____ groups to work together to achieve these common goals.

13. DEPRECATE / DEPRECIATE

- We buy what we like and it's a bonus that paintings don't usually _____ in value.
- We _____ this use of company funds for political purposes.
- Though Katherine, unfairly to my mind, _____ the novels.

But by how many thousands more did his car simply _____ in value over the same period?

14. DISINTERESTED / UNINTERESTED

I was totally _____ in boys.

A(n) _____ view on the use of the new intoximeter for testing a driver's alcohol level appears in this month's issue of Motoring.

His manner was aloof, and he is said to have been _____ in his family's concerns.

As a family friend with no further ambitions, he was able to offer

advice to the inexperienced future president.

The fact is she is not a dispassionate or witness in this case.

15. DISPEL / EXPEL

I'd like to start the speech by _____ a few rumours that have been spreading recently.

The new government has all foreign diplomats.

Actually listening to the record does little to _____ these feelings of disappointment.

My brother was suspended from school for bad behaviour.

16. DISTINCT / DISTINCTIVE

Mars is sometimes called the Red Planet because of its colour.

There are two factions within the one political party

One feature, however, is the option of a tutorial service by post.

The band's sound is a mixture of funk and rap.

17. DISTRIBUT / MISTRUST

Many politicians are deeply distrusted by the electorate

The world blames us and reviles our president for this

Many of his poems show an intense _____ for machinery, which is not surprising for poets of that age.

If your opponent hates or despises you from the start, let him

18. DIFFERENCE / DIFFERENCE

They had a **difference** of opinion about their child's education.

She covered her head in _____ to Muslim custom.

Is there any significant difference in quality between these two items?

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Well, you could try apologizing to her - for all the _____ it will make.