

False friends are words that are easily mixed up. Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. The guards _____ the visitors from getting too close. (**AVOIDED / PREVENTED**)
 2. _____ running a grocery store in town, he also owns a fitness centre. (**BESIDE / BESIDES**)
 3. The jewels she was wearing were all imitations. They were _____. (**WORTHLESS / PRICELESS**)
 4. There is always the _____ that the plane will arrive early (**OPPORTUNITY / CHANCE / POSSIBILITY**).
 5. The English _____ is beautiful during the spring season. (**NATURE / COUNTRYSIDE**)
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6. Can you switch to _____ 7 for the newscast? (**CHANNEL / CANAL**)
 7. Mum, what are we having for _____? (**DESERT / DESSERT**)
 8. Don't _____ my sunglasses or else I won't let you have them again. (**DAMAGE / HARM**)
 9. My boss gave me very useful _____ before I left the firm. (**ADVICE / ADVISE**)
 10. Global warming has an _____ on all parts of the world. (**AFFECT / EFFECT**)

11. He took a seat _____ me (**BESIDES / BESIDE**).
12. We have quite a good _____ of winning the election. (**POSSIBILITY / CHANCE**)
13. You should start out early in order to _____ the morning rush hour. (**AVOID / PREVENT**)
14. The policeman _____ the traffic at the busy road crossing. (**DIRECTED / CONDUCTED**)
15. Venice is famous for its beautiful _____. (**CANALS / CHANNELS**)
16. The bank manager was willing to _____ us on the best way to save our earnings. (**ADVICE / ADVISE**)
17. You can get a good _____ of the sea from the room on the top floor. (**SCENERY / VIEW**)
18. I didn't have a lot of _____ at the party. It was so boring (**FUN / FUNNY**).
19. The bank robber didn't want to _____ the hostages. (**HARM / DAMAGE**)
20. The young man will _____ the orchestra at the concert. (**CONDUCT / DIRECT**)

Complete the sentences below, using a phrasal verb from the box in its correct form.

ask out

back up

break down

call off

carry out

come up with

get over

hold up

look into

pull up

run down

see off

talk out of

throw away

turn over

1. He _____ me _____ going to university because he thought it wasn't the right thing for me to do.
2. After weeks of negotiations the Prime Minister _____ a new solution to the issue.
3. I have to _____ my files regularly, so that I don't lose them when the computer crashes.
4. The match was _____ because of heavy rain. It will be played tomorrow.
5. We _____ too much paper and other packaging. I think we should recycle more of it.

6. It started to rain just as we _____ in front of the restaurant.
7. The masked robbers _____ a money transport and got away with millions of dollars.
8. She's been taken to hospital after being _____ by a truck driver.
9. We _____ him _____ at the airport and wished him good luck for his new job.
10. It took her a long time to _____ her father's sudden death.
11. The police officer _____ the thief _____ to the sheriff, who then locked him up in prison.
12. The investigators promised that they would _____ the matter and try to find new evidence.
13. He _____ her _____ for a first date, so they both went to see a movie.
14. The scientist _____ the experiment in his own private lab.
15. The car _____ and we had to call someone to tow it away.