Section 2

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-G below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A look see watch notice regard stare glance observe

1 We spent weeks in Africa _____ the way lions catch their prey.
2 Did you _____ the tie he was wearing? It had pink elephants on it!
3 The students _____ the new teacher with curiosity.
4 Always _____ left and then right before crossing the road.
5 Don't _____ at people like that! It's really rude.
6 I _____ a great science fiction film last night.
7 Before I bought the magazine, I _____ through it quickly.
8 I couldn't help _____ the big red spots on his face.
9 Bill _____ at his watch and started running. He was late for school.

B find out invent discover detect

1 Many serious illnesses may be cured if they are _____ early enough.
2 "We must _____ as much as we can about the gang," said the detective.
3 Was it Captain Cook who _____ Australia?
4 The first camera, the Kodak 1, was _____ by G. Eastman in 1888.

C explore investigate look for look up (do) research

1 The police came to _____ the murder immediately.
2 I still have _____ to do for my project on sharks.
3 I must _____ this word in the dictionary, because I don't remember what it means.
4 Mum, I'm _____ my trainers. Have you seen them?
5 As soon as the five friends got to the cave, they decided to _____ it.

D attempt effort trial experiment

1 It takes a lot of _____ and patience to learn how to play a musical instrument.
2 John's case came to _____ and in the end he was found innocent.
3 The athlete failed in his last _____ to break the world record.
4 Many cosmetic companies claim they don't carry out _____ on animals.
5 I worked for the company for a(n) _____ period of two weeks before I was fully employed.

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