B2 Common Mistakes and False Friends

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Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. I have always had a strong ______ to do something very special. (DESIRE / AIM /WANT) 2. The last three years have been the most ______ in my whole life. (AMUSUNG / **ENJOYABLE**) 3. I am beginning ______ the American way of life. (TO ACCUSTOM / TO **GET ACCUSTOMED TO / TO ACCUSTOM TO)** 4. The ______ is higher than it was a decade ago. (CRIME RATE / CRIMINAL RATE) _____, we will offer you a reduction in price. (WE HAVE THE 5. Since _____ FAULT / IT IS OUR FAULT) 6. _____ the train was empty, he sat right next to me. (ALTHOUGH / DESPITE / IN SPITE OF) 7. You must make a ______ between those who want to work and those who don't. (DIFFERENCE / DISTINCTION) 8. Nobody understands . (EVERYTHING / ALL) 9. Celebrations in our country are different ______ the ones in America. (AS / TO) 10. I always keep my wallet _____ my pillow. (UNDER / BEHIND) 11. _____ was the same. It was so boring. (ANY DAY / EACH DAY) 12.1 ______ when I heard someone come down the stairs. (WAS AFRAID / HAD FEAR) 13. The newspaper devoted a whole page to ______ of new movies. (CRITICS / **REVIEWS / STUDIES)** 14. Ask John to ______ you. (HELP / AID / HELP OUT) 15. I had great difficulty ______ him. (TO UNDERSTAND / IN UNDERSTANDING) 16. There are over 20 flavours to choose ______. (BETWEEN / FROM) 17. I'll give you the money as soon as I ______ the package. (RECEIVE / WILL **RECEIVE**) 18. The Internet gives us easier ______ to all kinds of information. (EXCESS / ACCESS) _____ losing her job. (FEARS TO LOSE / IS AFRAID OF LOSING) 19. She 20. in big cities, like New York is/are very expensive. (ACCOMMODATION / ACCOMMODATIONS)

KEY

- 1. I have always had a strong **desire** to do something very special. (DESIRE / AIM /WANT)
- 2. The last three years have been the most **enjoyable** in my whole life**. (AMUSUNG / ENJOYABLE)**
- 3. I am beginning **to get accustomed to** the American way of life. **(TO ACCUSTOM / TO GET ACCUSTOMED TO / TO ACCUSTOM TO)**
- 4. The **crime rate** is higher than it was a decade ago. **(CRIME RATE / CRIMINAL RATE)**
- 5. Since **it is our fault**, we will offer you a reduction in price. **(WE HAVE THE FAULT / IT IS OUR FAULT)**
- Although the train was empty, he sat right next to me. (ALTHOUGH / DESPITE / IN SPITE OF)
- You must make a distinction between those who want to work and those who don't.
 (DIFFERENCE / DISTINCTION)
- 8. Nobody understands everything. (EVERYTHING / ALL)
- 9. Celebrations in our country are different to the ones in America. (AS / TO)
- 10.1 always keep my wallet **under** my pillow. (UNDER / BEHIND)
- 11. Each day was the same. It was so boring. (ANY DAY / EACH DAY)
- 12. I was afraid when I heard someone come down the stairs. (WAS AFRAID / HAD FEAR)
- 13. The newspaper devoted a whole page to **reviews** of new movies. (CRITICS / REVIEWS / STUDIES)
- 14. Ask John to help you. (HELP / AID / HELP OUT)
- 15. I had great difficulty in understanding him. (TO UNDERSTAND / IN UNDERSTANDING)
- 16. There are over 20 flavours to choose **from**. (BETWEEN / FROM)
- 17. I'll give you the money as soon as I **receive** the package. **(RECEIVE / WILL RECEIVE)**
- 18. The Internet gives us easier access to all kinds of information. (EXCESS / ACCESS)
- 19. She is afraid of losing her job. (FEARS TO LOSE / IS AFRAID OF LOSING)
- 20. Accommodation in big cities, like New York is/are very expensive. (ACCOMODATION / ACCOMODATIONS)