

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**)
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**)

KEY

1. The guards **prevented** the visitors from getting too close. (**AVOIDED / PREVENTED**)
2. **Besides** 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**. (**WORTHLESS / PRICELESS**)
4. There is always the **possibility** that the plane will arrive early (**OPPORTUNITY / CHANCE / POSSIBILITY**).
5. The English **countryside** is beautiful during the spring season. (**NATURE / COUNTRYSIDE**)
6. Can you switch to **Channel** 7 for the newscast? (**CHANNEL / CANAL**)
7. Mum, what are we having for **dessert**? (**DESERT / DESSERT**)
8. Don't **damage** my sunglasses or else I won't let you have them again. (**DAMAGE / HARM**)
9. My boss gave me very useful **advice** before I left the firm. (**ADVICE / ADVISE**)
10. Global warming has an **effect** on all parts of the world. (**AFFECT / EFFECT**)
11. He took a seat **beside** me (**BESIDES / BESIDE**).
12. We have quite a good **chance** of winning the election. (**POSSIBILITY / CHANCE**)
13. You should start out early in order to **avoid** the morning rush hour. (**AVOID / PREVENT**)
14. The policeman **directed** the traffic at the busy road crossing. (**DIRECTED / CONDUCTED**)
15. Venice is famous for its beautiful **canals**. (**CANALS / CHANNELS**)
16. The bank manager was willing to **advise** us on the best way to save our earnings. (**ADVICE / ADVISE**)
17. You can get a good **view** of the sea from the room on the top floor. (**SCENERY / VIEW**)
18. I didn't have a lot of **fun** at the party. It was so boring (**FUN / FUNNY**).
19. The bank robber didn't want to **harm** the hostages. (**HARM / DAMAGE**)
20. The young man will **conduct** the orchestra at the concert. (**CONDUCT / DIRECT**)