Homework Assignment 9: Confusing Words

Underline the correct word from the choices in parentheses.

1. They were (build/billed) for items that they hadn’t ordered.

2. In the middle of the conversation, his attention (wondered, wandered).

3. She quickly (past, passed) the other runners in the race.

4. While I was vacuuming, I found some (loose, lose) change under the sofa cushions.

5. She likes to eat fresh (buries/berries) all summer long.

6. Only buy as much food as you need so that it doesn’t go to (waste, waist).

7. Thunder and (lightning, lightening) kept the campers awake all night.

8. If my teacher would give me one more (chance, chants) to write the essay, I would (due, do) better.

9. In the (past, passed), we often worked until midnight or after.

10. Everything costs more now (then, than) it used (to, too).

11. The car definitely needed new (breaks, brakes).

12. The burglars knew (whose, who’s) apartments were empty.

13. The last (scene, seen) of the movie was filmed from a helicopter.

14. Blake had to (hall, haul) his books around campus because he didn’t have any breaks between classes.

15. Going to college can (altar, alter) a person’s view about many things.

16. I hope they will (hire/higher) me at the book store; I really want the job.

17. The trip was great, (accept, except) for the day the car broke down in the (dessert, desert).

18. Melinda needed to go to the dentist because her tooth was (loose, lose).

19. Some days the smog in Los Angeles is so thick that people can barely (breath, breathe).

20. He hid the candy bar (were, where) his brothers could not find it.