Homophone Practice

1. A great wine is a perfect __________ to a delicious steak. (Complement/compliment)
2. He __________ us to bankruptcy by purchasing 10,000 tonnes of lead. (Lead/led)
3. It took my father 30 years to __________ up this company to where it is. (Billed/build)
4. I work in a __________ which offers a nice degree of privacy. (Cubical/cubicle)
5. An entity set up in Ireland receives many __________ benefits. (Tax/tacks)
6. Details of the merger were __________ last Friday. (Discussed/disgust)
7. Oil is quite __________ at the moment, so our utility bill is relatively low. (Cheap/cheep)
8. We are planning to __________ the start-up. (Buy/by/Bye)
9. We are not __________ to use our mobile phones in the production area. (Allowed/Aloud)
10. The corporation had to divest of some __________. (Capital/capitol)
11. I __________ be able to make it for the trials. I will let you know on Thursday. (Might/mite)
12. I worked on this presentation in __________. I never got the opportunity to present. (Vain/vein)
13. My boss does not often __________ good work. (Praise/preys)
14. Our goal this year is to earn a __________. (Profit/prophet)
15. __________, I propose to reduce the level of investment in R&D to $500 million. (Finally/finely)
16. We need to __________ for his approval before moving ahead. (Wait/weight)
17. The __________ problem is that we don't have enough people dedicated to this project. (Main/mane)
18. In the __________, it was not possible to work from home. (Passed/past)
19. Markus has __________ 2,000 units this month. That's a new record! (Sold/soled)
20. I will have __________ of mind when I receive his confirmation. (Peace/piece)
21. He's a __________ wolf. He rarely speaks with anybody in the office. (Loan/lone)
22. These new safety measures will __________ a successful quality audit. (Ensure/insure)
23. For a healthy mind, it’s important to __________ regularly. (Exercise/exorcise)
24. A car policy needs to be __________ to all employees, regardless of their position in the company. (Fair/fare)
25. He's very strategic and __________ looking. (Foreword/forward)
26. Before presenting to the board, you need to get the __________ straight. (Facts/fax)
27. John __________ the meeting. (Missed/mist)
28. A large cup of coffee is an essential part of my __________ routine. (Morning/mourning)
29. The vehicles __________ the emissions test. (Passed/past)
30. __________ is the nearest train station? (Wear/where)
31. It’s not acceptable to use the office phone for __________ use. (Personal/personnel)
32. His __________ worked for the same company 20 years ago. (Farther/father)
33. How much will it cost to __________ the production facility? (Ensure/insure)
34. I need to urgently __________ a report on what has happened. (Right/write)
35. The site manager decided to __________ the equipment. (Sell/cell)
36. Did you __________ the news about the takeover? (Hear/here)
37. Last month, all employees took a __________ in influence management. (Coarse/course)
38. What are the terms of the __________? (Loan/lone)
39. __________ was no reason for __________ outburst. (Their/there)
40. I would __________ you to get some __________ from a lawyer. (Advice/ Advise)
41. Our office expenses can't be __________ than last year’s. (Higher/hire)
42. Everything he said was a __________. (Lie/lye)
43. The flight __________ from Brussels to New York is much too expensive.(Fair/fare)
44. We need to lift employee __________ around here. Any ideas? (Moral/morale)
45. In Japanese custom, the __________ period is 49 days after a person passes away. (Morning/mourning)
46. The filing room can only be entered by __________. (Personal/personnel)
47. The layoffs will surely have an __________ employee motivation. (Affect/ Effect)
48. One needs a lot of __________ to make it through Mary’s 90 slide PowerPoint presentation. (Patience/patients)
49. I don’t think anybody uses __________ machines anymore. (Facts/fax)
50. It’s customary to __________ a suit when visiting customers. (Wear/where)
51. During the crisis, the CEO __________ any questions about cost cutting. (Alluded/ eluded)
52. Please send me a __________ by e-mail. (Confirmation/conformation)
53. The consultant __________ us for the lunch we invited him to. (Billed/build)
54. We have 3 very __________ topics we will need to discuss today. They are not at all related. (Discreet/discrete)
55. __________ let me know if that works for you. (Pleas/please)
56. The year-end __________ will be done before the board. (Review/revue)
57. The chemical company generates toxic __________. (Waist/waste)
58. He was the only one not wearing a __________. (Soot/suit)
59. The executives were __________ for embezzlement. (Persecute/prosecute)
60. The manager’s decision to fire the worker after his first tardiness in 5 years was __________. (Undo/undue)
61. I took the fact that he used my prototype at the conference as a great __________. (Complement/compliment)
62. My work shoes need to be __________. There’s almost a hole in the left one. (Sold/ soled)
63. He spent 30 minutes of the meeting reading his slides __________. (Allowed/Aloud)
64. I will provide you with a __________ pass to the conference. (Guest/guessed)
65. How long have you been working __________? (Hear/here)
66. It’s necessary for him to __________ in on the issue. Without his opinion we can’t move forward. (Way/weigh)
67. I would have never __________ that he was the CEO. (Guest/guessed)
68. I would appreciate your __________ on this matter. (Incite/insight)
69. Do you __________ why he said __________ to the request? (Know/no)
70. He was born to __________. (Lead/led)
71. There was a __________ error in the figures. (Miner/minor)
72. After hearing the news, I felt like I was in a complete __________. (Days/daze)
73. I was __________ that the deal would surely close. (Told/tolled)
74. __________ the end of this year, our sales will have grown __________ 25%. (Buy/by/ Bye)
75. My mentor is my __________. I can tell him absolutely anything. (Confident/confidant)
76. It’s important to have clear __________ and responsibilities in an organization. (Roles/ rolls)
77. ________ of the managers had no idea about the change in policy. (Some/sum)
78. For the duration of the event, the president stayed in his hotel ________. (Suite/sweet)
79. Despite his ________, his position was cut. (Pleas/please)
80. We are looking to ________ a new office manager. (higher/hire)
81. Our company employs 326 adult ________ in Africa. (Miners/minors)
82. After much insistence, I ________ to his proposal. (Acceded / Exceeded)
83. We ________ our budget by $2 million. (Acceded / Exceeded)
84. ________ issues can affect employee performance. (Affect/Effect)
85. I wanted to cancel the meeting, ________ my manager insisted on having it. (But/butt)
86. I’m ________ that he will do the job well. (Confident/confidant)
87. Because of the merger, we’ll be looking at a ________ of our HR policy. (Confirmation/conformation)
88. In Belgium, employees have 20 ________ of annual vacation. (Days/daze)
89. How much does a human resource manager ________? (Earn/urn)
90. I’m taking a ________ off. (Week/week)
91. That was a ________ proposal. (Grate/great)
92. The ________ of the losses was staggering. (Some/sum)
93. The ________ of the story is never to make a promise to a customer unless you’re sure you can deliver. (Moral/morale)
94. There was an ________ of laughter when John finished telling his anecdote. (Eruption/irruption)
95. With his strong mind and impressive people skills, a successful career in this company is ________. (Immanent/imminent)
96. ________ way to the laboratory? (Which/witch)
97. We had a ________ quarter. (Weak/week)
98. It is important that you are ________ with the news. Don’t tell anybody. (Discreet/discrete)
99. When it was his ________ to talk, he completely froze. (Queue/cue)
100. In ________, we could add a new product line to our ________ offering. (Principal/principle)