ELL COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

1. Could you write a letter ___ your grandmother?
   a. two
   b. too
   c. to

2. The protestors wanted world ___.
   a. piece
   b. peace
   c. peas

3. Israel is the homeland of the ___.
   a. Jews
   b. juice

4. The ___ from the dead fish filled the whole house.
   a. cent
   b. scent
   c. sent

5. The little girl plucked a ____ from the flower.
   a. pedal
   b. peddle
   c. petal

6. Yes, I am ___ at the department store.
   a. already
   b. all ready

7. She developed a ___ headache after her children came home from school.
   a. sleight
   b. slight

8. I need to ___ a new computer.
   a. buy
   b. by

9. The boy shed a ___ after he scrapped his knee.
   a. tear
   b. tier

10. The man was strangled to death in his room with a ___.
    a. garret
    b. garrote
11. The miner struck a ___ of gold in the mountains.
   a. vane  
   b. vain  
   c. vein

12. The man was trying to ___ his wife.
   a. allude  
   b. elude

13. The man ___ the car door open.
   a. pride  
   b. pried

14. She needed the ___ in order to milk the cow.
   a. pail  
   b. pale

15. The monkey ___ to his new surroundings.
   a. adapted  
   b. adopted

16. An equilateral triangle has three equal ___.
   a. angels  
   b. angles

17. The ___ of Queen Elizabeth was very long.
   a. rain  
   b. reign  
   c. rein

18. Did you ___ that?
   a. steal  
   b. steel

19. The man’s ___ was fulfilled the next day.
   a. prophecy  
   b. prophesy

20. The dog found his ___ home.
    a. weigh  
    b. way

21. My mother hates to ___.
    a. sow  
    b. so  
    c. sew
22. When you jump out of a plane, you ____ with your life.
   a. gamble
   b. gambol

23. The application stated that the girl also needed to send in a self-addressed ____.
   a. envelop
   b. envelope

24. The boy stubbed his ____ when he was running.
   a. toe
   b. tow

25. When you bite into an apple, ____ comes out.
   a. Jews
   b. juice

ANSWERS
1. c  11. c  21. c
2. b  12. b  22. a
3. a  13. b  23. b
4. b  14. a  24. a
5. c  15. a  25. b
6. a  16. b
7. b  17. b
8. a  18. a
9. a  19. a
10. b  20. B