

# Problems in English

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[VI] Tài liệu này là 1 bộ sưu tập các bài tập Tiếng Anh chọn lọc từ cơ bản đến nâng cao. Phiên bản mới nhất của tài liệu này được lưu trữ ở link sau: [GitHub/NQBH/hobby/language/english/problem](https://github.com/NQBH/hobby/language/english/problem).

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# 1 Multiple Choice Tests

Choose the best alternative to fill the gap in each of the following sentences.

1. I find the way she keeps playing with her hair really .... A. thrilled. B. irritated. C. thrilling. D. irritating.
2. She was ... to discover that she had won 1st prize. A. excited. B. lucky. C. astonished. D. nervous.
3. You must have left ... when all your exams were over. A. relieved. B. upset. C. irritated. D. cross.
4. *The Silence of the Lambs* is the most ... film I've ever seen. A. terrified. B. terrifying. C. scared. D. excited.
5. I was ... that Tom could come to the party after all. A. irritating. B. nervous. C. furious. D. glad.
6. The manager really wanted Anna to join the company: he believed she would be a valuable ... to his team of sales people. A. addition. B. accumulation. C. supplement. D. appendage.
7. Everything included, the cost of our new living room came to a total of £10,000. A. full. B. great. C. gross. D. grand.
8. When the ship docked at Hamburg, they found a ... in the hold. A. gate-crasher. B. stowaway. C. interloper. D. trespasser.
9. If you know when you're coming back it would be better to buy a ... ticket. A. 1st-class. B. single. C. return. D. 1-way.
10. Cheese & spinach pie is a traditional Greek .... A. cuisine. B. food. C. course. D. dish.
11. How long does it usually take to ... for a domestic flight? A. check in. B. check out. C. check over. D. check on.
12. The brochure stated the hotel was situated ... beside the sea. A. direct. B. right. C. precise. D. exact.
13. Sheila had butterflies in her ... before the interview. A. face. B. heart. C. palms. D. stomach.
14. I hadn't been riding before & could barely ... the horse at 1st. A. get into. B. get out of. C. get on. D. get off.
15. I misread the time on the ticket & we ... the plane. A. caught. B. got on. C. lost. D. missed.
16. Although Vicky looked pretty much the same after all those years, I noticed ... changes which made her look even more beautiful than I remembered. A. subtle. B. sensitive. C. fair. D. joint.
17. If they had been wearing ... they might have survived when their plane crashed into the sea. A. cabins. B. seat-belts. C. life-belts. D. yachts.
18. If you have a minor illness, it's usually better just to let nature take its .... A. course. B. time. C. path. D. way.
19. The scientist wanted to ... himself from the controversy following the failure of the experiment. A. drive. B. space. C. distance. D. lengthen.
20. They're starting their ... by flying to Tokyo. A. travel. B. voyage. C. journey. D. trip.
21. The shop assistant was most ... when I told her that there was no price on the jar of olives. A. helpless. B. unhelpful. C. thoughtful. D. unhelpfully.
22. He may not be good looking but he's 1 of the most ... people I've ever met. A. likely. B. unlikely. C. likable. D. likeness.
23. I don't know why exactly but I suspect him of being .... A. dishonesty. B. dishonest. C. dishonestly. D. honesty.
24. He hired a ... to try to follow her everywhere she went. A. private investigator. B. caretaker. C. lifeguard. D. traffic warden.
25. He runs a very ... business selling spare parts for cars on the Internet. A. profiting. B. profitable. C. profit. D. profitably.
26. The ... in our building often falls asleep at the front desk. A. caretaker. B. stockbroker. C. undertaker. D. bookmaker.
27. He took ... with many of the points she made, claiming they were incorrect. A. exception. B. issue. C. account. D. trouble.
28. The sink is completely blocked so we'll have to get a(n) .... A. miner. B. undertaker. C. surgeon. D. plumber.
29. The organizers ... how many people would be attending the course & there were not enough chairs. A. underestimated. B. overestimated. C. overrated. D. estimated.

30. ... a minute! I can't find my keys. A. Keep on. B. Hold on. C. Go on. D. Carry on.
31. You just never lift a ... to help me – I have to do everything myself! A. shoulder. B. hand. C. finger. D. wrist.
32. Scientist seem to be trying to push the ... of nature to the limit. A. laws. B. codes. C. rules. D. regulations.
33. There was a ... on the door who wouldn't let us into the disco. A. referee. B. lifeguard. C. wrestler. D. bouncer.
34. I won't act in films that are too violent – I ... the line at that. A. paint. B. make. C. draw. D. write.
35. I had lost my glasses in the water & could barely ... the edge of the river. A. notice. B. recognize. C. remark. D. distinguish.
36. If you ... to Berlin, call my friend Peter & say "hello" from me. A. will go. B. won't go. C. go. D. going.
37. She gets 15 per cent ... on every insurance policy she sells. A. salary. B. commission. C. bonus. D. pension.
38. My uncle is thinking of ... next year & spending the rest of his life traveling round the world. A. retiring. B. being made redundant. C. being sacked. D. being resigned.
39. Before the opened the new factory a lot of the young people round here were ... the dole. A. in. B. up. C. at. D. on.
40. She has ... a position as general manager. A. applied. B. applied for. C. solicited. D. asked.
41. I worked all summer but I didn't ... enough to save any money. A. gain. B. win. C. pay. D. earn.
42. In the interview they asked if I had much ... with computers. A. experience. B. experiment. C. experiments. D. experiences.
43. Many governments have tried to ban .... A. syndicates. B. employers. C. trade unions. D. employees.
44. There is a special section of the newspaper entirely devoted to job ... A. advertisements. B. announces. C. propaganda. D. publicity.
45. I look forward to ... from you & receiving your brochure. A. heard. B. hearing. C. hear. D. hears.
46. Are there any squash ... in the area? A. greens. B. pitches. C. rings. D. courts.
47. People sometimes use baseball ... as weapons. A. clubs. B. sticks. C. bats. D. rackets.
48. It doesn't matter which football team you support the ... is always in the wrong. A. linesman. B. referee. C. arbitrator. D. umpire.
49. I think the ... is a bit too high, don't you? A. net. B. ring. C. pitch. D. set.
50. ..., I want to explain why the team has not managed to get into the 1st division. A. At the end. B. In the end. C. Finally. D. Last.
51. I'd like to buy the radio, but I haven't got any money on me at the moment. Could you ... for me for a day or two? A. bring it around. B. lay it in. C. take it in. D. put it on 1 side.
52. "Were you told to get dinner ready?" "No, I did it of my own ..." A. desire. B. accord. C. idea. D. will.
53. Mr. Newrich invited his guests to an expensive restaurant. However, he felt ... at ease. A. sick. B. painful. C. ill. D. unwell.
54. Police blamed a small hooligan ... in the crowd for the violence which occurred. A. constituent. B. element. C. division. D. portion.
55. The police arrested the wrong man mainly because they ... the names they had been given by the witness. A. bewildered. B. merged. C. confused. D. puzzled.
56. The police car raced down the street with the ... blaring. A. siren. B. bell. C. gong. D. alarm.
57. His parents died when he was very young so he was ... by an aunt. A. grown up. B. taken care. C. taken after. D. brought up.
58. I have been eating honey so my fingers are .... A. dirty. B. sticky. C. wet. D. yellow.

59. Mrs. Proper always tells her child not to talk with his mouth .... A. wide. B. open. C. together. D. full.
60. I have always ... my older brother for his courage & honesty. A. taken up. B. taken after. C. looked up to. D. looked after.
61. After the guests had left we were allowed to eat the ... cakes. A. remaining. B. left. C. missed. D. additional.
62. Don't be so ...! He was only joking. A. sensible. B. senseless. C. sensitive. D. insensitive.
63. The conspirators were plotting the ... of the government. A. overthrow. B. disaster. C. demolition. D. catastrophe.
64. When I entered the room, the children were ... over the last orange. A. consulting. B. discussing. C. squabbling. D. participating.
65. My sister had just ... 16. A. completed. B. turned. C. become. D. had.
66. A good way of ... good is keeping it in a fridge. A. enduring. B. extending. C. prolonging. D. preserving.
67. Many Asian countries still rely on rice as the ... food. A. staple. B. capital. C. superior. D. winning.
68. The dish had a very interesting taste as it was ... with lemon. A. spiced. B. pickled. C. seasoned. D. flavored.
69. The sight of so many sweets made the children's mouth .... A. drip. B. water. C. moisten. D. wet.
70. Just think! Next month you'll be ... & it seems like only yesterday you were a baby. A. in your teens. B. in your teenage. B. at your teens. D. teenager.
71. "Another cup of coffee?" – "No, but thanks ...." A. not all all. B. for all. C. all the same. D. you for all.
72. It was very ... of you to lend us your car for the whole week. A. generous. B. ambitious. C. modest. D. thoughtless.
73. We'll have to find someone to ... our plants while we're away on holiday. A. bring up. B. get on. C. grow up. D. look after.
74. I don't think you should be so ... with the children. Watching television for half an hour a day won't do them any harm. A. stubborn. B. strict. C. reliable. D. thoughtful.
75. It was very ... of you to eat the last slice of cake without asking. A. loyal. B. sensitive. C. self-confident. D. naughty.
76. Even very active children often stop playing sport when they .... A. tell off. B. bring up. C. grow up. D. look up.
77. There is some controversy over who is responsible for the ... of penicillin. A. creation. B. discovery. C. invention. D. revolution.
78. I inferred ... his remark that Mrs. Vegetarian doesn't eat meat. A. from. B. of. C. to. D. with.
79. He said he would sue us, but I don't think he'll ... his threat. A. achieve. B. bring about. C. perform. D. carry out.
80. How about a glass of orange juice to ... your thirst? A. quash. B. quench. C. quell. D. quieten.
81. He was arrested for trying to pass ... notes at the bank. A. camouflaged. B. fake. C. counterfeit. D. fraudulent.
82. The safe deposit box ... a high-pitched sound when it was moved. A. ejected. B. excluded. C. expelled. D. emitted.
83. Her chain was made of ... gold, unmixed with any other metal. A. pure. B. dishonest. C. clean. D. right.
84. I haven't been ... Pete lately. A. getting up to. B. getting through to. C. getting on with. D. getting round to.
85. Although it was only ... jewellery, it looked real enough. A. fictional. B. untrue. C. invented. D. imitation.
86. You are late again – please try to be ... in future. A. accurate. B. punctual. C. efficient. D. reliable.
87. After he broke the window, the boy was ... from school. A. exiled. B. excluded. C. extracted. D. expelled.
88. A child's 1st 5 years are the most important as far as learning is .... A. concerned. B. affected. C. hit. D. touched.
89. I don't think they'll be taking ... any more teachers this term because there aren't many students. A. up. B. in. C. on. D. over.
90. Could you speak ... a bit? We can't hear you at the back of the room. A. out. B. loud. C. over. D. up.

91. I'm going to take a couple of days ... next month to help my sister move house. A. over. B. off. C. out. D. up.
92. The police ... off the street where the bomb had gone off. A. cordoned. B. battened. C. fastened. D. shuttered.
93. We all make mistakes; no-one is .... A. fallible. B. infallible. C. mistaken. D. unmistakable.
94. Everyone laughed when he took ... the teacher so well. A. over. B. up. C. off. D. out.
95. He offered me \$500 to break my contract. That's .... A. bribery. B. blackmail. C. compensation. D. reward.
96. It was such a shock to receive a letter like that .... A. in the red. B. out of the blue. C. in the pink. D. over the moon.
97. The hooligan ... the money out of my hand & ran away. A. snatched. B. gripped. C. clutched. D. withdrew.
98. As he was caught in ... of a gun, he was immediately a suspect. A. control. B. possession. C. ownership. D. handling.
99. He is doing a science ... at the University of Edinburgh. A. career. B. certificate. C. title. D. degree.
100. The teacher told us to learn the irregular verbs ... hear. A. to. B. at. C. by. D. in.
101. The conductor ... the boys off for misbehaving on the bus. A. told. B. said. C. shouted. D. cried.
102. The 1st thing he did was to ... his shoelaces & take his shoes off. A. disconnect. B. mislead. C. undo. D. unpack.
103. After considering the case, the judge put the young offender ... for 2 years. A. in charge. B. in control. C. on trial. D. on probation.
104. An IQ test is supposed to measure the ... of your intelligence. A. level. B. extent. C. degree. D. size.
105. She was sent out of the examination room because the examiner caught her .... A. sneaking. B. cheating. C. lying. D. copying.
106. We used to ... all sorts of things when our parents went out. A. get through to. B. get over. C. get up to. D. get on with.
107. I new that something ... was going on as soon as I walked into the room. A. huge. B. odd. C. vast. D. massive.
108. If I don't write you a note to say you have a doctor's appointment, the teacher will think you are playing .... A. truant. B. the fool. C. for time. D. hard to get.
109. I've got so much spare time now I'm thinking of taking ... a new hobby like stamp collecting. A. in. B. off. C. up. D. over.
110. You are not very ... today, Hugh. What's the matter? I've never known you so quiet. A. chattering. B. loud. C. speaking. D. talkative.
111. Rita is not ... of doing this work – she should change her class. A. fit. B. capable. C. possible. D. suitable.
112. It should be ... that students are expected to attend classes regularly. A. marked. B. reminded. C. perceived. D. noted.
113. The traffic policeman let her ... with a warning though she was driving way over the speed limit. A. up. B. off. C. on. D. out.
114. This is an exciting book which ... new ground in educational research. A. breaks. B. reaches. C. scratches. D. turns.
115. The tutorial system at Oxford & Cambridge is the ... of many universities. A. sorrow. B. jealousy. C. regret. D. envy.
116. When the detectives finally trapped him, he had to ... to lying. A. recourse. B. resource. C. resort. D. retort.
117. He was very thrilled when he heard he had ... the exam. A. passed. B. approved. C. failed. D. won.
118. I wish he'd let us make some of the decisions instead of completely taking ... all our meetings. A. in. B. over. C. off. D. up.
119. ... my opinion, students shouldn't have to repeat the year if they fail their exams. A. In. B. At. C. On. D. from.
120. Prof. Rush was speaking so quickly I couldn't ... what he said. A. accept. B. listen. C. catch. D. take.
121. Jane said she could not ... the information given in the lecture. A. accumulate. B. absorb. C. admire. D. listen.

122. Mr. Wellbred went to a school which ... good manners & self-discipline. A. blossomed. B. planted. C. harvested. D. cultivated.
123. The smell of the burnt cabbage was so ... that it spread to every room. A. pervasive. B. effusive. C. extensive. D. diffuse.
124. Suddenly I understood perfectly & everything fell ... place. A. down. B. for. C. into. D. out.
125. Mr. Horrid was a terrible teacher & obviously not ... for teaching. A. cut in. B. cut on. C. cut up. D. cut out.
126. Most of the ... were unimpressed by his latest film. A. reviews. B. criticizing. C. critics. D. comments.
127. It was so embarrassing when Romeo forgot his ... in the second act. A. paper. B. lines. C. part. D. script.
128. I hope the film has a happy .... A. finish. B. end. C. finale. D. ending.
129. It's surprising the performance went so well after only 3 .... A. rehearsals. B. auditions. C. applauses. D. directions.
130. High risk sports have really taken .... A. up. B. off. C. in. D. on.
131. The person ... the orchestra was a young woman in her early 20s. A. composing. B. directing. C. conducting. D. leading.
132. We're always playing tricks on Pete because he takes ages to ... on. A. catch. B. keep. C. pick. D. get.
133. Little Tom did not like his 1st ... at school at all. A. course. B. period. C. presence. D. term.
134. There was a(n) ... against the College's new syllabuses. A. bang. B. outcry. C. scream. D. whist.
135. New students must ... for classes before term begins. A. enrol. B. enter. C. join. D. teach.
136. When you listen to a lecture, it is useful to ... the important points. A. clear. B. put down. C. notify. D. write on.
137. Prof. Silver was a most effective speaker & his audience seemed to ... on his every word. A. catch. B. cling. C. hang. D. hold.
138. My brother found it difficult to learn to write because he is .... A. left-handed. B. right-handed. C. single-handed. D. 2-handed.
139. In writing the account of his summer adventures, Neville chose not to ... his experiences in the order in which they happened. A. compose. B. classify. C. compare. D. arrange.
140. This cheese has gone .... You'll have to throw it away. A. mouldy. B. decayed. C. stale. D. contaminated.
141. The steak looked tender, but it was as tough as .... A. a belt. B. a saddle. C. old boots. D. rubber.
142. Dinner will be served ... but we have time for a drink before then. A. actually. B. currently. C. lately. D. presently.
143. Can you help me work ... the answers to these maths problems? A. in. B. out. C. up. D. off.
144. I can agree with you to a certain ..., Professor, but not entirely. A. pan. B. level. C. extent. D. way.
145. The Examination Board have recently changed the ... for the Diploma in History. A. brochure. B. syllabus. C. programme. D. compendium.
146. Slow down a bit. I can't ... up with you when you walk so fast. A. get. B. hold. C. keep. D. work.
147. The lecturer spoke so fast that I found it hard to take ... what he was saying. A. away. B. up. C. over. D. in.
148. In the examination you may be asked for comments on various ... of a topic. A. angles. B. features. C. aspects. D. qualities.
149. Failing the final exam was a big ... to my hopes. A. band. B. kick. C. hit. D. blow.
150. Sign your name on the ... line. A. dotted. B. broken. C. drawn. D. spotted.
151. We shall have to use that glass as we are a cup .... A. few. B. short. C. minus. D. less.
152. Some language students reach a high ... of competence in communication. A. degree. B. grade. C. level. D. mark.
153. Unfortunately, state schools don't have much in the ... of sports facilities compared to private schools. A. part. B. case. C. means. D. way.

154. Your answers to the examination questions must ... exactly the instructions given below. A. accompany. B. follow. C. conform. D. keep.
155. It is very difficult to ... the exact meaning of an idiom in a foreign language. A. convert. B. transfer. C. exchange. D. convey.
156. On Sunday, Vivian studied for 7 hours .... A. on end. B. at once. C. in full. D. at length.
157. Tom handed in the test & awaited the results .... A. in the same breath. B. out of breath. C. with bated breath. D. under her breath.
158. Don't tell me your name again. It's .... A. off my chest. B. in my mouth. C. at my fingertips. D. on the tip of my tongue.
159. She's had a ... in her left shoulder for a week now. A. sore. B. ache. C. pain. D. hurt.
160. Do you think parents should ... their children from spending too much time online? A. deny. B. refuse. C. disqualify. D. prevent.
161. He criticized her in the meeting & I'm afraid she's really taken it to .... A. heart. B. brain. C. mind. D. chest.
162. He was so badly injured that they had to bring on a ... & carry him off the football pitch. A. bed. B. hammock. C. stretcher. D. bunk.
163. In some countries you don't need a doctor's ... to buy antibiotics. A. recipe. B. prescription. C. receipt. D. note.
164. The nurse took his ... & checked that he was comfortable. A. heat. B. fever. C. temperature. D. thermal.
165. You ... be hungry again. We've just had lunch!
166. Jane is so ... in her work that it would be a pity to disturb her. A. intent. B. attentive. C. consumed. D. absorbed.
167. It suddenly ... on me what he really meant. A. dawned. B. came. C. hit. D. struck.
168. You will need a pen & some paper to ... this problem. It is too difficult to do in your head. A. discover. B. work out. C. realize. D. find out.
169. The little country hotel served them a meal fit for .... A. a king. B. a lord. C. an emperor. D. a queen.
170. Let me ... the bill before we leave this restaurant. A. arrange. B. conclude. C. settle. D. pay up.
171. Would you please ... from smoking while the lecture is in progress? A. refrain. B. keep yourself. C. avoid. D. stop.
172. This course ... no previous knowledge of the subject. A. assembles. B. assumes. C. assigns. D. assures.
173. The students paid ... attention to their distinguished professor. A. respectable. B. respected. C. respectful. D. respective.
174. Mr. Discontent wanted to complain to the waiter but was afraid of making a(n) .... A. act. B. drama. C. play. D. scene.
175. Have you ... for any evening classes next term? A. enrolled. B. engaged. C. inscribed. D. signed.
176. Can you pass me a knife? I want to ... these onions. A. fry. B. roll. C. chop. D. grate.
177. She had to ... her dress because she had lost so much weight. A. shift. B. change. C. loosen. D. alter.
178. Look at that beautiful brooch! I only paid \$3 for it at the sale. It was a real .... A. bargain. B. affair. C. benefit. D. occasion.
179. You'll be ... your money if you buy that hat: you will never wear it. A. giving away. B. wasting. C. saving. D. losing.
180. The cost of the material is in the ... bill for the work. A. included. B. enclosed. C. held. D. combined.
181. If you don't know how to wash that sweater, look at the ... inside the collar. A. badge. B. label. C. notice. D. sign.
182. I don't think I could eat any ..., but I'd like a coffee. A. dessert. B. starter. C. main course. D. second helping.
183. Can you ... the soup while I slice the bread? A. sprinkle. B. whisk. C. roll. D. stir.
184. I find it really hard to walk in shoes with very high .... A. soles. B. heels. C. bottoms. D. supports.

185. Could you go down to the baker's & get me a ... of bread & a couple of jam doughnuts. A. loaf. B. piece. C. lump. D. slice.
186. He was charged with a(n) ... of currency regulations. A. break. B. disrespect. C. breach. D. observance.
187. Our insurance policy offers immediate ... against the risk of burglary, accident or damage by fire. A. cart. B. security. C. relief. D. cover.
188. The man jumped out of the window & committed .... A. suicide. B. homicide. C. murder. D. death.
189. She is always wearing a strange red hat with a long ... in it. A. hair. B. fur. C. feather. D. tail.
190. "How would you like your hair cut, sir?" – "Just a ... please." A. cut. B. trim. C. shave. D. snip.
191. Corporal Lucky was hit by a bullet but he was only ... wounded. A. barely. B. little. C. slightly. D. merely.
192. My sister works on the ... in the local supermarket on Saturday mornings. A. check-through. B. check-up. C. check-in. D. check-out.
193. We had to wait in a ... in the post office for over 10 minutes. A. row. B. line. C. queue. D. file.
194. I lost the receipt & the shop assistant refused to give me a .... A. discount. B. refund. C. guarantee. D. exchange.
195. They said they could order it for me because they didn't have my size in .... A. shop. B. hold. C. stock. D. store.
196. Our local supermarket charges a lot to ... groceries. A. deliver. B. carry. C. bring. D. bear.
197. The accused man was able to prove his innocence at the trial & was .... A. absolved. B. acquitted. C. forgiven. D. pardoned.
198. If the terrorists are not sent to prison, there will be a public .... A. attack. B. onslaught. C. recrimination. D. outcry.
199. The prisoners had spent almost a month digging a ... before the guards discovered it. A. pipe. B. tunnel. C. subway. D. pass.
200. He was thrown into prison & ... of his property. A. confiscated. B. denied. C. removed. D. deprived.
201. Don't take that road. There's always very ... traffic along there. A. heavy. B. strong. C. powerful. D. hard.
202. She's so ... skinned that nothing offends her. A. hard. B. thick. C. strong. D. heavy.
203. This tea is too ... for me. Could you bring me some hot water? A. strong. B. thick. C. hard. D. heavy.
204. The older children used to ... on him in the playground at lunch time. A. get. B. hit. C. pick. D. beat.
205. Put the lid back on the tin so that the biscuits ... crisp & fresh. A. stay. B. bring. C. get. D. become.
206. I'm afraid that the herring we had for supper has given me .... A. sickness. B. indisposition. C. infection. D. indigestion.
207. Miss Diligent did 9 hours' ... studying a day for her exam. A. solid. B. heavy. C. powerful. D. big.
208. It was during my stay in India that I ... taste for very hot curry. A. gained. B. acquired. C. got. D. received.
209. I suppose I ... lent the book to Simon, but I'm almost sure I didn't. A. might. B. could. C. must have. D. might have.
210. You ... that man our phone number. I didn't trust him at all. A. must not have given. B. might not have given. C. should not have given. D. could not have given.
211. The hot weather has made the ... even worse. A. famine. B. drought. C. floods. D. hail.
212. Fortunately only 3 passengers suffered minor .... A. hurts. B. pains. C. injuries. D. damages.
213. The government have declared a state of ... after yesterday's earthquake. A. crisis. B. emergency. C. urgency. D. danger.
214. Scientists are working to find a cure for ... like AIDS. A. ills. B. infirmities. C. diseases. D. complaints.
215. Thousands of ... are fleeing the war in the north. A. emigrants. B. employees. C. escapees. D. refugees.
216. This lime juice needs ... before you can drink it. A. diluting. B. dissolving. C. softening. D. watering.



217. Put the orange ... in the waste basket, not on the floor. A. skin. B. find. C. shell. D. peel.
218. People were injured by ... stones the size of tennis balls. A. sleet. B. gale. C. hail. D. snow.
219. The food they serve here is excellent because they have a fine .... A. cooker. B. chef. C. headwaiter. D. stove.
220. I can't remember Mary's number. I'll have to ... in the phone book. A. look it up. B. look it. C. look for. D. look it out.
221. They arrived so late for the meal, that the food was .... A. dried. B. hard. C. spoilt. D. lost.
222. Don't bring those clothes in off the line yet. They're still a bit .... A. humid. B. mild. C. cool. D. damp.
223. She had just ... the shell of the hard-boiled egg & was starting to peel it. A. burst. B. cracked. C. fractured. D. shattered.
224. A ... of wind blew my hat off. A. puff. B. draft. C. gust. D. breeze.
225. They have closed the center of the city to traffic because of .... A. overpopulation. B. contamination. C. famine. D. pollution.
226. I can get ... on a lot less now that I don't have to pay rent. A. over. B. down. C. by. D. through.
227. I am ... furious with Charlotte. How could she forget our wedding anniversary? A. absolutely. B. extremely. C. very. D. terribly.
228. Her sole ... in the hotel kitchen was peeling potatoes. A. role. B. profession. C. job. D. work.
229. Be careful not to ... the tray too much or the glasses will slide off. A. bend. B. tilt. C. incline. D. twist.
230. Can't I ... you to another piece of cake? A. convince. B. persuade. C. pull. D. tempt.
231. I couldn't open the wine as I didn't have a .... A. corkdriver. B. corkscrew. C. lever. D. screwdriver.
232. We've got 2 cats & they get ... very well together. A. down. B. through. C. on. D. by.
233. I haven't had a chance to read anything apart from the ... in today's paper. A. headings. B. titles. C. captions. D. headlines.
234. How many television ... do they have in your country? A. canals. B. channels. C. ways. D. numbers.
235. I wish the papers weren't always so full of ... about the royal family. A. gossip. B. rumor. C. slander. D. chat.
236. My favorite radio ... is Radio 3. A. canal. B. channel. C. station. D. way.
237. A rude boy ... his tongue out at me. A. put. B. stuck. C. showed. D. took.
238. Do you know what ... Radio 3 is on? A. frequency. B. line. C. dial. D. position.
239. *The Sun* is a newspaper with a ... of over 3 million. A. distribution. B. coverage. C. circulation. D. sales.
240. Can you pass me the ... control? I want to see if my favorite soap has started. A. far. B. removed. C. distant. D. remote.
241. He never really got ... his relationship with Jenny. A. through. B. by. C. over. D. up.
242. Waiting outside the examination room, I trembled with .... A. comprehension. B. apprehension. C. expectation. D. tension.
243. I'm terribly sorry but we haven't got any copies of the book in stock. They sold ... early this morning. A. out. B. up. C. through. D. over.
244. It is ... that students will have doubled their vocabulary in 3 months. A. worry. B. foreseen. C. hope. D. anticipated.
245. I wouldn't eat those gooseberries if I were you, they don't look ... to me. A. ripe. B. ready. C. formed. D. underdone.
246. In a multiple-choice exercise it's sometimes easier to ... the wrong answers before choosing the right one.
247. That fish smells terrible! Throw it in the .... A. bin. B. rubbish. C. sink. D. waste-paper basket.
248. I couldn't get ... to Wendy so I left a message on her answering machine. A. over. B. through. C. by. D. up.
249. I was completely ... out after running so far. A. exhausted. B. run. C. worn. D. rubbed.

250. She is hard-working & efficient . . . , she has had several years' experience of this kind of work. A. As well as. B. not only. C. However. D. Furthermore.
251. Look . . . ! That shelf is about to fall down. A. up. B. out. C. over. D. down.
252. So what have you been getting . . . while I've been away? A. down to. B. away with. C. up to. D. through to.
253. . . . was she very rude to my mother, but she insulted my father too. A. Not only. B. As well as. C. In addition to. D. Furthermore.
254. . . . passing all her examinations, she won a major tennis tournament this month. A. In addition. B. Moreover. C. Not only. D. As well as.
255. Please give me 2 . . . of bread. A. crumbs. B. flakes. C. slices. D. lumps.
256. She . . . her automatic cooker to cook the meat for 7 o'clock. A. set. B. put. C. arranged. D. timed.
257. This knife is terribly . . . . It won't even cut a piece of cheese. A. sharp. B. flat. C. blunt. D. thick.
258. The apple was so . . . that he put some sugar on it. A. bad. B. juicy. C. ripe. D. sour.
259. He rubbed his finger round the . . . of the glass. A. ledge. B. lip. C. rim. D. tip.
260. A food mixer is a very useful . . . to have in the kitchen. A. tool. B. instrument. C. scheme. D. gadget.
261. The refrigerator was . . . with food. A. affluent. B. crammed. C. bloated. D. full.
262. Our new cat is black with white . . . . A. claws. B. hooves. C. wings. D. paws.
263. As the elephant walked along he swung his . . . from side to side. A. beak. B. fin. C. trunk. D. hump.
264. The lion . . . when the keeper tried to make him go back into his cage. A. roared. B. neighed. C. mooed. D. barked.
265. I think it's time you . . . & told him you think things should be changed. A. killed 2 birds with 1 stone. B. put the cat among the pigeons. C. took the bull by the horns. D. got out of the rat race.
266. Why did you . . . & mention the party to Roger? It was supposed to be a surprise. A. let the cat out of the bag. B. put the cat among the pigeons. C. have kittens. D. kill 2 birds with 1 stone.
267. It must be true. I heard it straight from the . . . mouth. A. dog's. B. horse's. C. camel's. D. cat's.
268. I know you're upset about breaking up with Tony but there are plenty more . . . . A. horses in the stable. B. cows in the field. C. tigers in the zoo. D. fish in the sea.
269. Half way up the mountain there was a . . . where climbers could stay over night. A. hut. B. bungalow. C. cottage. D. bed-sit.
270. It took them over an hour to put up their . . . . A. hut. B. tent. C. caravan. D. bungalow.
271. He lives in a tiny . . . up in the mountains. A. suburb. B. city. C. village. D. town.
272. He likes to spend his holidays lying on a beach & she likes to spend hers walking in . . . . A. a country. B. the country. C. country. D. some country.
273. Have you seen the exhibition at that new . . . in the high street? A. stadium. B. theater. C. cathedral. D. gallery.
274. Competition from goods produced with cheaper labor has meant that many . . . have closed. A. markets. B. factories. C. stadiums. D. galleries.
275. The royal wedding was celebrated in the magnificent 16th-century . . . . A. cathedral. B. theater. C. market. D. gallery.
276. The puppy was . . . so much I nearly dropped him. A. sniggering. B. wriggling. C. chuckling. D. giggling.
277. We were . . . that the flight would be delayed for 2 hours. A. invited. B. ordered. C. informed. D. instructed.
278. He managed to . . . the branch of a tree & avoid being swept away by the flood waters. A. grasp. B. clutch. C. hug. D. munch.
279. That man next to me on the bus must have been a . . . . My wallet has gone. A. shoplifter. B. kidnapper. C. hijacker. D. pickpocket.

280. The murder took place in the main street in the middle of the day, but there were no ... A. judges. B. prosecutions. C. witnesses. D. juries.
281. He was ... when he was caught trying to catch a plane to France. A. arrested. B. put on probation. C. executed. D. acquitted.
282. Skilled ... have produced perfect copies of many of the world's famous paintings. A. muggers. B. smugglers. C. rapists. D. forgers.
283. The judge released him on ... but he'll have to appear in court again next week. A. sentence. B. bail. C. punishment. D. fine.
284. We made ... the nearest port when we heard the storm warning. A. out. B. of. C. up. D. for.
285. The judge's ruling ... a wave of protest campaigns across the country. A. instigated. B. launched. C. provoked. D. commenced.
286. Mrs. Baker rolled out the pastry & cut it into pretty ... before baking it. A. shapes. B. pictures. C. measures. D. sizes.
287. If you don't lift that saucepan carefully, it will spill & you may ... yourself. A. cut. B. peel. C. skin. D. scald.
288. I don't like my steak cooked too long. I like it ... A. burnt. B. underdone. C. raw. D. well done.
289. Frozen food should always be ... before it is cooked. A. defrosted. B. dissolved. C. melted. D. softened.
290. When you have cracked the eggs, put the ... in the rubbish bin. A. coverings. B. shells. C. covers. D. skins.
291. She ... the tablecloth carefully & put it away in a drawer. A. bent. B. creased. C. folded. D. pleated.
292. A fat lady sat on my shopping bag in the bus & ... my tomatoes. A. squashed. B. crushed. C. broke. D. squeezed.
293. There was a sharp ... & the plate broke into 2 pieces. A. bang. B. crack. C. crash. D. noise.
294. Can you give me a teaspoon to ... my tea? A. beat. B. spin. C. turn. D. stir.
295. Instead of telling her where he'd really been, he made ... a complicated story. A. out. B. for. C. up. D. of.
296. We'll make ... for lost time if we keep working for a couple more hours. A. out. B. up. C. for. D. of.
297. It's 15 years since Timothy worked in Holland & his Dutch is pretty now ... A. stale. B. scratchy. C. sloppy. D. rusty.
298. The person who ... an examination is supposed to see that nobody tries to cheat. A. dominates. B. governs. C. supervises. D. leads.
299. Add the essence ... until the teaspoonful is beaten into the mixture. A. drop by drop. B. inch by inch. C. leaf by leaf. D. spot by spot.
300. Please don't talk in the ... because there is an examination in the lecture hall. A. promenade. B. lane. C. corridor. D. way.
301. I know you have a good voice & have ambitions to be an opera singer but don't give up your day ... yet! A. job. B. work. C. situation. D. place.
302. I am in the ... as to where Chris was last night. A. shade. B. pink. C. dark. D. black.
303. Breaking his leg dealt a ... to his chance of becoming a professional footballer. A. thump. B. strike. C. hit. D. blow.
304. Jane is a sympathetic listener. She lent me a(n) ... when I lost my job. A. mind. B. ear. C. mouth. D. eye.
305. Let's make a dash for the train now as the rain seems to be ... off. A. reducing. B. slowing. C. easing. D. running.
306. Our firm is so successful because it is at the cutting ... of computer technology. A. limit. B. edge. C. verge. D. fringe.
307. He was ... intensively for 2 weeks before the tennis tournament. A. coached. B. practiced. C. learned. D. taught.
308. Our journey was ... by the icy roads, which forced us to drive very slowly. A. obstructed. B. impeded. C. barred. D. blocked.
309. Before the parachute jump he was carefully ... in safety procedures. A. shown. B. familiarized. C. presented. D. instructed.

310. She ... her daughter to the care of a babysitter for the evening. A. confided. B. consigned. C. entrusted. D. resigned.
311. The engineer ... the machine with a hammer &, miraculously, it roared back to life. A. slapped. B. smacked. C. punched. D. whacked.
312. Fighting among rebel soldiers ... last night & a curfew has now been imposed on the city. A. enhanced. B. intensified. C. heightened. D. aggravated.
313. While other companies collapsed in the economic recession, Cartwright Ltd. ... & share prices rose. A. earned. B. exploited. C. profited. D. gained.
314. Rebecca ... her fiancé across the face during an argument & walked out of the restaurant. A. slapped. B. smashed. C. struck. D. punched.
315. The yearly procession to the temple in honor of the local deity was an important religious ... in that city. A. activity. B. festival. C. fast. D. habit.
316. Although she was able to walk with the aid of crutches, having a broken ankle ... her movements considerably. A. barred. B. blocked. C. intervened. D. hindered.
317. The Oscar winning actress simply ... charm & professionalism in her acceptance speech. A. exuded. B. excluded. C. expunged. D. extricated.
318. After buying an expensive new penthouse Marianna was flat .... A. shattered. B. torn. C. smashed. D. broke.
319. The new political party came to the ... after the general election. A. fore. B. back. C. side. D. front.
320. On the 8th day of the strike the Minister ... fit to make a statement. A. appeared. B. showed. C. looked. D. saw.
321. Harry blew a ... when his holiday was canceled. A. fuse. B. plug. C. switch. D. socket.
322. Despite her poor exam results, Alice put a ... face on the situation. A. tough. B. brave. C. courageous. D. bold.
323. I was thrilled to meet Paul McCartney in the ... when I sat next to him at the theater. A. meat. B. blood. C. flesh. D. vein.
324. I'm very sorry, but these ... are out of stock at the moment. A. wares. B. goods. C. commodities. D. supplies.
325. Each ... of the house must pay his own tax. A. dweller. B. settler. C. resident. D. inhabitant.
326. Once at the skating rink, Ivan was allowed to skate to his heart's .... A. happiness. B. delight. C. content. D. contentment.
327. Floods have completely ... the farmer's crops. A. ruined. B. damaged. C. harmed. D. injured.
328. I ... the notice-board quickly, looking for second-hand cars for sale. A. peered at. B. scanned. C. scrutinized. D. inspected.
329. The farmer makes money by ... pedigree horses. A. bringing up. B. nurturing. C. growing. D. breeding.
330. For months I sat with my binoculars watching a bird ... its young. A. breed. B. rear. C. bring up. D. grow.
331. "He ... my rubber, miss!" shouted the boy. A. swiped. B. ripped off. C. abducted. D. acquired.
332. Many forest-... animals were killed in the fire. A. settling. B. residing. C. inhabiting. D. dwelling.
333. This city has 4 million .... A. residents. B. inhabitants. C. dwellers. D. settlers.
334. During pioneer days a lot of land in the United States was up for .... A. gain. B. promotion. C. grabs. D. taking.
335. This lovely new dress fits like a .... A. glove. B. gauntlet. C. gown. D. treat.
336. Investors have taken ... from the improving economic situation. A. consolation. B. courage. C. heart. D. meaning.
337. We at *Buyrite* throw down the ... to competitors to match us for price, quality, & service. A. gauntlet. B. mitten. C. sword. D. hat.
338. Every time the government meets their demands, the union leaders move the .... A. lamp-posts. B. goalposts. C. bus stops. D. roadblocks.
339. The designer refuses to gild the ..., preferring clean, simple lines for his creations. A. lily. B. flower. C. rose. D. daisy.

340. With fuel in short supply, machinery in the factory slowly ground to a(n) .... A. stop. B. halt. C. pause. D. end.
341. The teacher was adamant & stuck to his ... about the date of the final exam. A. weapons. B. neck. C. thumb. D. guns.
342. David decided that smoking was ruining his health & so gave it up for .... A. good. B. always. C. all. D. once.
343. For busy people in today's society, lifestyle management in gaining .... A. points. B. speed. C. terrain. D. ground.
344. The government is making little ... in its fight to beat inflation. A. forward. B. advance. C. headway. D. improvement.
345. The art teacher gave the children a fee ... in their creative compositions. A. offer. B. gift. C. kick. D. hand.
346. The forensic expert ... the evidence looking for particles of skin. A. scanned. B. glimpsed at. C. scrutinized. D. peered at.
347. My brother is always ... me about my hooked nose. A. teasing. B. pestering. C. getting on at. D. harassing.
348. He managed to ... the flow of blood by tightly bandaging the wound. A. restrain. B. check. C. curb. D. inhibit.
349. We intend this to be a(n) ... project, taking us into the next decade. A. constant. B. incessant. C. steady. D. ongoing.
350. It was only when he had been unemployed for 6 months that Neil's situation hit .... A. base. B. down. C. home. D. back.
351. My father has decided to ... a beard to cover a small scar he has on his chin. A. rear. B. bring up. C. breed. D. grow.
352. My grandmother was a lovely person who ... pleasure from helping others. A. derived. B. gathered. C. deduced. D. collected.
353. You were really ... when you paid \$100 for those shoes. They're not even leather! A. swiped. B. ripped off. C. pinched. D. pilfered.
354. I can't tell you ... the population of Prague, but there's an encyclopedia in the cupboard. A. off-hand. B. in hand. C. at hand. D. on hand.
355. After making several bad business deals the company was losing money hand over .... A. finger. B. wrist. C. fist. D. thumb.
356. Maggie is so moody & unpredictable. She's apt to fly off the ... without any real cause. A. strap. B. handle. C. catch. D. belt.
357. A(n) ... proportion of the population did not vote in the last elections. A. essential. B. fundamental. C. grave. D. significant.
358. When a former secret agent tried to publish his memoirs, the government had certain parts of the book ... A. forbidden. B. prohibited. C. censored. D. disallowed.
359. Benjamin Britten, the composer, is probably most ... for his opera "Peter Grimes". A. conspicuous. B. famous. C. remarkable. D. distinguished.
360. ... scientists from around the world met in London to discuss a revolutionary new drug. A. Noteworthy. B. Elevated. C. Prestigious. D. Eminent.
361. Greg has, to all intents & ..., finished his degree course, with the exception of his final dissertation. A. purposes. B. reasons. C. aims. D. proposals.
362. It was ... justice for Ted to receive a parking fine when he was at the doctor's. A. poetic. B. only. C. rough. D. small.
363. There are more people employed, by & ... in the service sector than in manufacturing nowadays. A. large. B. all. C. by. D. through.
364. We giggled at the sight of Mrs. Brown ... down the road in her 6-inch stiletto heels. A. staggering. B. tottering. C. reeling. D. stumbling.
365. He slammed my hand in the car door &, to add insult to ..., didn't stop to apologize. A. damage. B. harm. C. injury. D. infamy.
366. We were all on a ...-edge until the very end of the Hitchcock film. A. chair. B. knife. C. cliff. D. razor.

367. Those stones have been here since time . . . . A. immemorable. B. immortal. C. innumerable. D. immemorial.
368. Enjoy your "Sunway" cruise, safe in the . . . that everything has been taken care of. A. awareness. B. recognition. C. knowledge. D. fact.
369. This shoe repairer is so quick that he can sole & heel your shoes in a(n) . . . . A. moment. B. hurry. C. instant. D. jiffy.
370. Sue spent weeks in hospital after being seriously . . . in a car crash. A. ruined. B. injured. C. impaired. D. damaged.
371. When she lost her temper, she . . . the vase her ex-husband & brought her. A. snapped. B. clipped. C. smashed. D. broke off.
372. My neighbor has threatened to . . . over our dispute about property boundaries. A. take legal action. B. take legal aid. C. try me. D. bring me to trial.
373. Mr. Wright is being . . . for fraud at the Old Bailey courthouse, this afternoon. A. taken to court. B. charged. C. summoned. D. tried.
374. As long as you have the most . . . ingredients for the recipe, you can make do without the other things. A. critical. B. essential. C. crucial. D. vital.
375. The heavy rain lashed down . . . throughout the night without letting up. A. continually. B. perpetually. C. continuously. D. eternally.
376. The border guards have been accused of . . . refugees. A. pestering. B. getting on at. C. teasing. D. harassing.
377. My young nieces kept . . . me to buy them sweets. A. pestering. B. teasing. C. getting on at. D. harassing.
378. I . . . a plate when I was washing up, but it can still be used. A. snapped. B. smashed. C. chipped. D. shattered.
379. The windscreen . . . into a thousand pieces when the car hit a lamp-post. A. smashed. B. shattered. C. snapped. D. cracked.
380. The optician says you have to wear glasses, like it or . . . it. A. jump. B. loathe. C. dislike. D. lump.
381. You will be putting your life on the . . . if you take up skydiving. A. line. B. way. C. lane. D. ground.
382. His friends & family left him in the . . . when he went bankrupt. A. church. B. lurch. C. end. D. street.
383. I'll reserve . . . on Ben Shipley's latest novel until I've read it. A. condemnation. B. thought. C. judgment. D. criticism.
384. Tara was really laying it . . . on about her accident at work. A. fine. B. broad. C. thin. D. thick.
385. Were you on the . . . when you said you had resigned from work? A. wagon. B. flat. C. level. D. town.
386. Stars of the Hollywood silver screen tended to be larger than . . . . A. life. B. drama. C. reality. D. ever.
387. Judging from the noise it is making, the washing machine is on its last . . . . A. gasp. B. legs. C. resort. D. breath.
388. I left the house in a hurry & my bedroom was . . . with clothes. A. scattered. B. dispersed. C. strewn. D. sprinkled.
389. Always having had . . . feet, Delia is off again, backpacking round India. A. itchy. B. scratchy. C. sore. D. light.
390. The skaters . . . gracefully across the ice. A. slid. B. glided. C. slipped. D. skidded.
391. The cat slept peacefully . . . in the long grass. A. nestled. B. huddled. C. snuggled. D. cuddled.
392. Mr. Wright . . . his vegetable garden carefully. A. attends. B. grows. C. maintains. D. tends.
393. Employees of the company are forbidden to . . . information about the secret formula. A. betray. B. divulge. C. portray. D. unveil.
394. The soldier didn't . . . his comrades even when he was pressured to do so. A. reveal. B. divulge. C. betray. D. disclose.
395. The removal men . . . the heavy piano up the stairs with great difficulty. A. toted. B. shoved. C. thrust. D. heaved.
396. She . . . a few clothes into a case & hurried to the airport. A. scattered. B. piled. C. shoved. D. heaved.
397. My fear of wasps . . . from the fact that I was severely stung as a child. A. begets. B. stems. C. generates. D. commences.

398. This year's series of open-air plays ... with a performance of "Electra". A. stems. B. originates. C. derives. d. commences.
399. We could hear the monkeys ... long before we reached their cage. A. chatting. B. prattling. C. chattering. D. babbling.
400. Jane ... about the surprise party for Sheila & now the whole idea is ruined. A. blabbed. B. gossiped. C. prattled. D. chatted.
401. I think you ... a nerve when you mentioned Ralph's forthcoming retirement. A. touched. B. had. C. drilled. D. hit.
402. Yes, I saw the last episode of the series, but I'm none the ... about what really happened. A. better. B. surer. C. cleverer. D. wiser.
403. Thousands of refugees are camping at the ... between the 2 countries, hoping to find asylum. A. boundary. B. brim. C. border. D. rim.
404. After 6 months of convalescence in a nursing home, Simon is finally on the .... A. mend. B. top. C. go. D. run.
405. For stamps & coins to be of value, they need to be in mint .... A. state. B. situation. C. condition. D. appearance.
406. The professor looked as if he were ... away in a world of his own. A. yards. B. kilometers. C. streets. D. miles.
407. Dave gave the office party a ... that year. A. miss. B. hit. C. chance. D. break.
408. The cup is full to the ... so be careful when you carry it. A. brim. B. boundary. C. verge. D. border.
409. Young children are often ... to illnesses such as measles. A. liable. B. sensitive. C. susceptible. D. apt.
410. Some people like to ... their neck doing dangerous sports. A. endanger. B. break. C. twist. D. risk.
411. After losing my job, I was on the ... of a nervous breakdown. A. border. B. brim. C. verge. D. bounds.
412. The school playing fields are out of ... while equipment is being set up for the cricket match.
413. Children should keep away from the river ... in case they fall in. A. bounds. B. bank. C. brim. D. border.
414. We're spending our holidays on the ... this summer. A. beach. B. bank. C. coast. D. shore.
415. The old lady ... her bag for fear she might lose it. A. seized. B. grabbed. C. grasped. D. clutched.
416. Isn't packing 3 suitcases for a weekend away going a bit ...? A. overload. B. overhead. C. overboard. D. overskill.
417. In spite of his stammer, Gerald rose to the ... & delivered a fascinating speech. A. top. B. situation. C. bait. D. occasion.
418. "How often do you visit your parents?" "... so often, even though they live some distance away." A. Even. B. Ever. B. Every. D. Never.
419. My puppy was very expensive because he's a special .... A. breed. B. sect. C. tribe. D. caste.
420. "Do you think I should ask Andy?" "I'm sure he'll be only ... willing to help you with the project." A. just. B. too. C. that. D. so.
421. It is possible to ... out of the pension scheme if you do not wish to participate. A. back. B. charge. B. opt. D. break.
422. You say you need new clothes but your wardrobe is full to ... with dresses. A. overfilling. B. overflowing. C. overlaying. D. overstepping.
423. Frank was informed at the ... that the assignment would be no easy matter. A. offset. B. upset. C. reset. D. outset.
424. it will be overstepping the ... if you address the managing director by his 1st name. A. mark. B. line. C. grade. D. limit.
425. I was ... due to a personality clash with my boss. A. resigned. B. sacked. C. retired. D. made redundant.
426. The ... of the failure of the bank resulted in many people losing their life-savings. A. catastrophe. B. problem. C. trouble. D. cause.
427. The play was such a ... that it came off after only 2 nights. A. cataclysm. B. calamity. C. catastrophe. D. disaster.
428. Hundreds of workers have been ... due to financial problems at the factory. A. sacked. B. resigned. C. made redundant. D. retired.

429. The ... in India resembles the class system structure in Britain. A. breed. B. caste. C. tribe. D. sect.
430. Anthropologists have spent years studying the social system of this .... A. breed. B. caste. C. tribe. D. sect.
431. Countries often become ... to promote trade & industry between them. A. allies. B. colleagues. C. acquaintances. D. accomplices.
432. Most people have few friends but many ... who they only see from time to time. A. allies. B. accomplices. C. associates. D. acquaintances.
433. Many people are feeling the ... now that there is an economic recession. A. strain. B. pinch. C. prod. D. pain.
434. Victoria went to great ... to complete a high quality representation. A. efforts. B. torment. C. pains. D. difficulty.
435. Julia's work is not a ... on Natalie's. A. patch. B. spot. C. scratch. D. scrap.
436. Somebody as conceited as Ron needs bringing down a ... or two. A. step. B. notch. C. rung. D. peg.
437. New technology is being ... in at work. A. phased. B. shown. C. installed. D. filtered.
438. The foreman came to the building site to pay the workmen's .... A. fees. B. allowance. C. wages. D. salaries.
439. I have no appetite & I am lethargic. I've been feeling under ... for ages. A. pair. B. threat. C. stress. D. par.
440. The economic situation makes many people unwilling to take the ... & open their own businesses. A. plunge. B. bull. C. initiative. D. opportunity.
441. I don't know how I can ... up the courage to tell him the awful news. A. pick. B. set. C. store. D. pluck.
442. The new soap opera on Channel 3. ... new depths in terms of tastelessness. A. fills. B. reaches. C. plumbs. D. achieves.
443. We'll keep you ... of any further changes in the examination specifications. A. noticed. B. announced. C. mailed. D. posted.
444. Relief workers ... hundreds of crates of second-hand clothing which had been donated. A. revealed. B. unpacked. C. unwrapped. D. unveiled.
445. The Queen was present at the official ... of the statue. A. unveiling. B. unpacking. C. unwrapping. D. revealing.
446. The hut finally fell down, unable to ... days of violent winds & rain. A. put up with. B. withstand. C. support. D. afford.
447. As a single parent, it's difficult for her to ... a family. A. put up with. B. afford. C. support. D. withstand.
448. I phoned the company, who ... me that my goods had been despatched. A. confirmed. B. assured. C. guaranteed. D. reassured.
449. It was extremely ... of you to drive home in that blizzard. A. reckless. B. adventurous. C. impervious. D. instinctive.
450. Please send a reply to the wedding invitation in order to ... your attendance. A. guarantee. B. confirm. C. assure. D. reassure.
451. I really admire the hero of the film. He's so .... A. reckless. B. adventurous. C. foolhardy. D. instinctive.
452. A modern cash register keeps a record of every .... A. contract. B. deal. C. purchaser. D. transaction.
453. Looking after a house, 4 children, a lazy husband & 2 dogs is real .... A. drudgery. B. labor. C. toil. D. grind.
454. The experimental play was only a ... success, which disappointed the playwright. A. local. B. reserved. C. qualified. D. cautious.
455. It takes time to get a financial system up & ... after the introduction of a new currency. A. running. B. proceeding. C. walking. D. going.
456. Life is so full of both good fortune & misfortunes that you have to learn to take the rough with the .... A. tough. B. ready. C. calm. D. smooth.
457. Stephen really lost his ... when his dental appointment was canceled yet again. A. rag. B. voice. C. calm. D. head.
458. In today's competitive world, everyone needs a regular holiday to ... their batteries. A. refill. B. recast. C. recharge. D. rectify.



459. When my new motor kept breaking down, I knew I'd been taken for a ... by the second-hand car salesman. A. drive. B. ride. C. walk. d. stroll.
460. It has been medically proven that a poor diet leads to ... growth. A. controlled. B. tempered. C. curbed. D. stunted.
461. Don't take it as ... that you'll be promoted in your job; other colleagues stand a good chance too. A. read. B. standard. C. fixed. D. word.
462. My husband & I are not rich but we are .... A. wealthy. B. tight. C. comfortable. D. hard-up.
463. Believing that the firm had given him a raw ..., he took his case to an industrial tribunal. A. deal. B. meal. C. apple. D. nerve.
464. It was a hot summer day & ice cream salesmen were doing a ... trade. A. busy. B. roaring. C. bustling. D. lucrative.
465. Bob is so short-tempered; he should try to ... his anger. A. stunt. B. control. C. temper. D. curb.
466. If you ... your demands, they may be accepted by others. A. temper. B. control. C. stunt. D. curb.
467. The teacher told us to ... the poem by the next lesson. A. remember. B. recollect. C. memorize. D. remind.
468. I don't ... her name, as we met only once. A. memorize. B. recollect. C. reminisce. D. remind.
469. Don't expect Alan to buy you a drink. He earns plenty of money but he's very .... A. hard-up. B. wealthy. C. tight. D. comfortable.
470. Could I borrow a few pounds? I'm a bit ... at the moment. A. comfortable. B. wealthy. C. tight. D. hard-up.
471. The audience were in ... as they watched the latest Aykebourne comedy. A. finger. B. place. C. point. D. thumb.
472. Don't mention work to Ray, as it's a sore ... with him at the moment. A. finger. B. place. C. point. D. thumb.
473. The trouble with socializing with colleagues is that they usually end up talking .... A. sense. B. rot. C. back. D. shop.
474. The dog ... under the table when I shouted at him for eating my steak. A. slithered. B. slunk. C. scampered. D. strutted.
475. The opposition will be elected into government at the next election, without a ... of a doubt. A. shadow. B. shade. C. benefit. D. hue.
476. Take your mobile phone with you just to be on the ... side. A. sunny. B. safe. C. straight. D. secure.
477. It's hard to get back into the ... of things after a long holiday. A. pace. B. way. C. rhythm. D. swing.
478. Noisy parties are really not my .... A. scene. B. liking. C. idea. D. preference.
479. I hate the way Tony ... around looking so self-important. A. slithers. B. scampers. C. struts. D. slinks.
480. Rosie the kitten ... playfully around with a ball. A. scampered. B. strutted. C. slithered. D. slunk.
481. A long, green snake ... through the grass & disappeared. A. strutted. B. slithered. C. slunk. D. scampered.
482. She tried to ... Tom's importance to the company in order to gain a promotion for herself. A. reduce. B. dwindle. C. shrink. D. diminish.
483. Due to inflation, my savings have gradually ... to practically nothing. A. dwindled. B. shrank. C. reduced. D. diminished.
484. My new pullover ... to half its previous size when I washed it. A. reduced. B. shrank. C. diminished. D. dwindled.
485. I need to ... my weight by about 10 kilos for health reasons. A. shrink. B. diminish. C. dwindle. D. reduce.
486. I don't think you're suitably ... for this party. A. dressed. B. clad. C. wearing. D. clothed.
487. Jack was disappointed not to be promoted as he was given to ... that the job would be his. A. know. B. realize. C. understand. D. say.
488. The Prime Minister has ... the controversial statement he made about nuclear arms. A. extracted. B. retracted. C. pulled out. D. renounced.
489. The King was forced to ... his right to the throne when he married a divorcee. A. extract. B. pullout. C. retract. D. renounce.

490. The team had to ... of the competition because of injuries. A. renounce. B. extract. C. pull out. D. retract.
491. The text was complicated & therefore very difficult to ... information from. A. extract. B. renounce. C. retract. D. pullout.
492. She ... her finger on a sharp rose thorn. A. stung. B. bit. C. pricked. D. stabbed.
493. The baby was ... by a bee whilst playing in the garden. A. bitten. B. stung. C. pricked. D. stabbed.
494. The film star categorically ... any connection with the scandal. A. refuses. B. revokes. C. rejects. D. denies.
495. Due to his reckless driving his driving license was ... by the court. A. revoked. B. denied. C. refused. D. rejected.
496. Sue begged Tom to help her but he .... A. denied. B. revoked. C. rejected. D. refused.
497. The mountains were ... in thick cloud. A. clothed. B. clothing. C. dressing. D. wearing.
498. That loud heavy metal music from next door is ... me up the wall. A. sending. B. driving. C. bringing. D. pushing.
499. Bright children who are ... on the uptake may get bored easily if they are not stimulated enough at school. A. swift. B. fast. C. finest. D. best.
500. This new model of car is the ... in driving luxury. A. penultimate. B. ultimate. C. quick. D. rapid.