1 The event was supposed to be well-organized, but they th - He his first attempt at baking, burning the cake completely).
A. Made free with C. Made a muck of	B. Took to D. Took the bloom off
2 Despite all the challenges he faced, he continued to his di	
A. Think highly of	B. Wrap up
C. Rattle through	D. Hold fast to
3 The startup company is, rapidly expanding its customer - The basketball team has been recently, winning their last e A. In the pink	
C. On the rocks	D. With (brass) knobs on
4 Trying to convince conservatives to change their mind is like	re
A. Hitting the bottle C. Jigging about	B. Nailing jelly to the wall D. Running the show
5 Despite the setbacks, the team decided to with the project A. Turned/Came up trumps	B. Gild the lily
C. Forge ahead 6 Let's the unpleasant incident and focus on the future He decided to his mistakes and start afresh.	D. Ride out
A. Draw a veil over C. Get sauced	B. Skimp out on D. Branch out into
7 She's at school over the last few months, with continual	
A. Scarfed down	B. Had a bumpy ride
C. Went against the grain 8 I'll be back in a few minutes. Can you and take care of th	D. Caved/Gave in
- While I'm away, my sister will and look after the kids.	te customers:
A. Hit the spot	B. Hold the fort
C. Pawn off 9 She may be a(n), but her kindness and intelligence make	D. Live out of a suitcase her truly special
- The new car model is a bit of a(n), with no standout feature	
A. Real kick in the pants	B. Smoking gun
C. Shot in the dark	D. Plain Jane
10 To meet the tight deadline, the construction crew worked _ A. In the black	, often putting in double snifts. B. At loggerheads
C. Blue in the face	D. Around-the-clock/Round-the-clock
11 We've finally gotten with this project; it's smooth sailing	
A. Over the hump C. Down the drain	B. Purple with rage D. Exposed to the elements
12 I can't believe you thought I was serious! I was just you A. Pulling leg	ır when I said I was moving to Mars.
13 The newly elected president will soon of the governmen	nt.
- She was promoted to call the shots and of the new project of	
A. Root around C. Pick up the pieces	B. Forge ahead D. Hold the reins
14 The sudden gust of wind the tightrope walker	
- The unexpected interview question her, and she struggl	
- The competitor's new tactics the team, forcing them to A. Threw off balance	adapt quickly. B. Saved bacon
C. Did in	D. Ruffled feathers
15 Whether to buy a house now or wait for the market to cool	l down is the for many first-time homebuyers.
A. Lame duck C. Crime of passion	B. Sticky end D. Million-dollar question
16 She items for the art project the whole morning. A. Fetched and carried	•
17 The family all year so they could go on a summer vacat A. Hemmed/Hummed and hawed	tion. B. Scrimped and saved
18 I'll be my for you during your exam tomorrow.	
- Fans across the country are their for the team to win the A. Throwing weight around/about	he championship. B. Eating heart out
C. Holding thumbs/Keeping fingers crossed	
19 She got the about the party—it's a costume party, not a - You must have got the; we're meeting at the new office, not	
A. Narrow squeak C. Chain of events	B. Gold brick D. Wrong end of the stick

20 She was quick to the subtle hints he was dropping about th	e surprise party.
- It's impressive how children can new languages so quickly!	
- He didn't the sarcasm in her voice and took her comment liter	ally.
A. Touch up	B. See to
C. Pick up on	D. Save for
21 The show's ratings after the lead actor left the series.	
- The team's performance in the second half of the season, losing	-
A. Looked askance C. Fell off a cliff	B. Hit the ground running D. Took a turn for the better
22 We need to reform these outdated laws which the economy	
A. See through C. Have in a half-nelson	B. Tug at heartstrings D. Fit like a glove
23 He puts on when he's around the elite, but everyone can see	
- The new neighbor had, always talking about their luxurious ve	
A. Dribs and drabs	B. Airs and graces
C. Ups and downs	D. Beer and skittles
24 If you just your to revising, I'm sure you will get a 10.	
A. Set/Put mind	B. Pull together
C. Raise hand against	D. Roll up sleeves/Pull socks up
25 There is no for solving climate change; it requires multiple	annroaches and global cooperation
A. Silver bullet	B. Circuit breaker
C. Bad hair day	D. Hamster wheel
26 During the crisis, his long-hidden leadership skills came, ed	arning him widespread respect.
- The issue of climate change has come in recent years, prompti	ng global action.
A. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred	B. From top to toe
C. After a fashion	D. To the fore
27 She listened to her favorite music to herself before the p	presentation.
A. See through	B. Psych up
C. Fit like a glove	D. Have in a half-nelson
28 They decided to the storm in their cozy cabin.	
- The company managed to the economic downturn without lay	ing off any employees.
- We need to these tough times and stay focused on our goals.	
A. Throw the baby out with the bathwater	B. Ride out
C. Make headway 29 Everyone as soon as the food was served, enjoying the delic	D. Limp on
- They to the picnic, eager to try all the homemade goodies	cious meat.
A. Hit the ball out of the park	B. Pressed ahead
C. Darted off	D. Tucked in
30 Despite the late hour, she was still, trying to finish the repo	rt hefore the deadline
A. Off-the-peg	B. In a cleft stick
C. Hard at it	D. Blue in the face
31 The very thought of having to pay more tax for a government	with such half-assed healthcare made him
- My mom went when she found out that I have broken her favo	
A. No-frills	B. Purple with rage
C. In the weeds	D. Around the bend
32 When you arrive in the city, your should be the visitor info	
- If you're looking to adopt a pet, the local animal shelter should be	-
A. Wrong end of the stick	B. Wooden spoon
C. Media blitz	D. First port of call
33 She tried to her teacher by turning in the same essay she us	
- Mysterio tried to the entire world, making them believe he was A. Butter up	
C. Put one over on	B. Ramp up D. Think highly of
34 The detective examined the crime scene, leaving no stone u	ŭ ,
A. Flat out	B. After a fashion
C. For the record	D. From top to toe
35 She spent a lot of time the idea of moving to a new city but	
- He enjoyed her at the party, but he wasn't looking for a serious	
A. Dallying with	B. Conniving in
C. Sifting through	D. Nipping at the heels of
36 Without sufficient funding, the construction project, leaving	g the site abandoned.
A. Tripped up	B. Ground to a halt
C. Ran high	D. Acquired a taste
37 The cat spotted a butterfly and to chase it across the garde	n.
- He got an urgent call and without saying goodbye.	
- She remembered she left the oven on and to the kitchen.	
A. Hit the ground running	B. Looked askance
C. Ground to a halt	D. Darted off

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38. - I don't mean to ___ my ___, but I did finish the project ahead of schedule.
- He is always trying to ___ his ___ about his latest business ventures.
                       A. Fill ___ shoes
                                                                                  B. Knock ___ lights out
                                                                                    D. Pull ___ together
           C. Toot ___ own horn/Blow ___ own trumpet
39. - The race car driver performed a(n) ____, proudly displaying the checkered flag after his triumphant win.
                                                                                     B. Elbow grease
                       A. Pretty penny
                       C. Lap of honor
                                                                                   D. Emotional baggage
                              his customers with compliments to close the sale.
40. - The salesman tried to
                          A. Work at
                                                                                      B. Hold fast to
                                                                                       D. Wrap up
                         C. Butter up
41. - People the scene of the accident to see what had happened.
                        A. Brought off
                                                                                    B. Took a shine to
                         C. Scoffed at
                                                                                    D. Crowded around
42. - Just ____, I never agreed to those terms, if that's what you're implying.
                       A. For the record
                                                                                     B. After a fashion
                       C. From top to toe
                                                                                     D. At every turn
43. - He can play the piano ____, but he's far from a professional.
- She managed to clean up the room ____, though it was still somewhat cluttered.
- The new software works ____, but it still has many bugs to fix.
- He spoke French ____, enough to get by, but not fluently.
                      A. From top to toe
                                                                           B. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred
                       C. After a fashion
                                                                                     D. For the asking
44. - After hearing the bad news, he took a few deep breaths to ___ himself ___ before speaking to his team.
- She had to herself quickly after the unexpected setback to continue with the presentation.
                      A. Speak ___ mind
                                                                         B. Toot ___ own horn/Blow ___ own trumpet
                      C. Pull ___ together
                                                                                  D. Knock ___ lights out
45. - The kids were so hyper after the party, it took a while for them to ___ and get ready for bed.
- The manager asked everyone to so they could have a productive discussion without interruptions.
                   A. Break the mould/mold
                                                                                     B. Simmer down
                       C. Hold the field
                                                                                        D. Blast off
                  music recommendations to find new songs to add to his playlist.
- She spent the afternoon ___ her old photos, deciding which ones to keep and which to discard.
                      A. Sifting through
                                                                                       B. Dealing in
                         C. Raking off
                                                                                     D. Dallying with
47. - As soon as she saw the look on his face, the ___ dropped, and she realized he had been the anonymous donor all
along.

    It took a moment, but the ___ dropped when she noticed the clue hidden in the text.

                           A. Penny
                                                                                      B. Lap of honor
                   C. Hard/Tough row to hoe
                                                                                     D. Lap of luxury
48. - They planned to go to the movies together, but he ___ and ended up having to watch the film alone.
                       A. Got stood up
                                                                                    B. Acquired a taste
                         C. Darted off
                                                                                 D. Hit the ground running
49. - Her spirits were at a(n) after hearing the disappointing news.
- The market is currently at a(n) ____, with investors feeling uncertain about the future.
                        A. Hatchet job
                                                                                B. Hard/Tough nut to crack
                          C. Low ebb
                                                                                    D. Load of cobblers
50. - The success of the project was hampered by a few ___ in the team who couldn't keep up with the deadlines.
                         A. Breadline
                                                                                 B. Million-dollar question
                   C. Water under the bridge
                                                                                      D. Weak links
51. - With the budget cuts, the company had to ___ spendings to avoid any financial issues.
- As the project manager, she needs to ___ the team's progress to ensure they meet the deadline.
                    A. Keep a tight rein on
                                                                                       B. Touch up
                          C. Look up
                                                                                    D. Put one over on
52. - The mystery turned out to be a(n) , remaining unresolved after months of research.
                                                                                B. Hard/Tough nut to crack
                         A. Sticky end
                           C. Penny
                                                                                     D. Crack of dawn
53. - The casino managed to ___ large sums of money from tourists visiting the city.
- During the holiday season, many stores substantial revenue due to increased sales.
                          A. Rake in
                                                                                        B. Take up
                                                                                        D. Rake up
                       C. Rattle through
54. - Health officials are working tirelessly to ___ the spread of the virus.
- The government launched a new campaign to ___ corruption in public offices.
                         A. Stamp out
                                                                                        B. Dole out
                         C. Mete out
                                                                                        D. Save for
55. - She didn't want to be a(n) ____, but she had to point out the flaws in their plan.
                       A. Common touch
                                                                                       B. Thick skin
                                                                                      D. Wet blanket
                         C. Plain Jane
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56. - The team tried to ____, preventing their opponents from scoring for the entire match.
- Despite the fierce battle, the troops managed to ___ until reinforcements arrived.
                      A. Come to the table
                                                                                B. Batten down the hatches
                       C. Hold the field
                                                                                       D. Have teeth
57. - I can't drive you to the mall, I already have ___ things to get done today.
                    A. With (brass) knobs on
                                                                                     B. Blue in the face
                     C. A hundred and one
                                                                                      D. In the weeds
58. - During the debate, the opposition team tried to ___ in the argument presented by their opponents.
- She couldn't help but ___ in his story, questioning every detail he shared.
                      A. Pop the question
                                                                                       B. Pick holes
                        C. Call it quits
                                                                                      D. Gild the lily
59. - Losing his job started a(n) ___ that forced him to reevaluate his life and career
- The detective pieced together the \_\_ leading up to the crime to understand the suspect's motive.
                      A. Happy medium
                                                                                   B. Emotional baggage
                   C. Hard/Tough row to hoe
                                                                                     D. Chain of events
60. - The soldiers fought α(n) ___ to hold off the enemy while the rest of their unit withdrew to safer ground
- The team, outmatched in skill, played a(n) ____, focusing on defense to keep the scoreline respectable.
                       A. Crack of dawn
                                                                                     B. Chain of events
                      C. Rearguard action
                                                                                       D. Lame duck
61. - I can't even untangle this thread - I have been feeling today!
                  A. All (fingers and) thumbs
                                                                                     B. Home and dry
                        C. High and dry
                                                                                     D. Spick and span
62. - Having failed his mid-term, he was told to his if he wanted to pass the finals.
- After receiving poor grades on his report card, he knew it was time to ___ his ___ and start studying harder.
             A. Roll up ___ sleeves/Pull ___ socks up
                                                                                    B. Pull ___ together
                     C. Knock ___ lights out
                                                                                      D. Fill ___ shoes
63. - That latest-gen Threadripper CPU must have cost a(n) ___
                         A. Tall order
                                                                                     B. Lap of luxury
                        C. Pretty penny
                                                                                       D. Bad penny
64. - When the male CEO retired, the new female leader had big shoes to fill, but she quickly proved she could ___ his
- With the star player injured, the rookie had to step up and his on the team.
           A. Toot ___ own horn/Blow ___ own trumpet
                                                                                      B. Fill shoes
             C. Roll up ___ sleeves/Pull ___ socks up
                                                                                 D. Raise ___ hand against
65. - Despite their best efforts, the team finished with the in the tournament.
- After a non-stop series of losses, the club was awarded the ___ for their performance.
- She humorously accepted the ____, knowing that participating was more important than winning.
                     A. Knight of the road
                                                                             B. Skeleton in the cupboard/closet
                   C. Water under the bridge
                                                                                     D. Wooden spoon
66. - His entire family ___ his job promotion.
- We all ___ her as she competed in the talent show.
                      A. Made a muck of
                                                                                       B. Filed into
                      C. Made free with
                                                                                       D. Rooted for
67. - The team worked late into the night and ___ in the project backlog.
- After hours of sorting and organizing, they ___ in cleaning the garage.
                        A. Tripped up
                                                                                   B. Made a huge dent
                      C. Looked askance
                                                                                       D. Pitched in
68. - Following their breakup, she slowly started to ___ and move on.
- The town came together to ___ after the devastating hurricane.
- The fire was a blow, but we were determined to and get the business back on its feet.
                                                                                       B. Call it guits
                          A Red out
                                                                                    D. Pick up the pieces
                        C. Root around
69. - He's such a(n) ____; he never splurges on anything.
                      A. Narrow squeak
                                                                                     B. Penny-pincher
                    C. Butcher's dog / Fiddle
                                                                                  D. Real kick in the pants
70. - After months of training, he was as fit as a(n) ___ and ready for the marathon.
- Despite her age, she came through the surgery as fit as a(n) ____.
                    A. Butcher's dog / Fiddle
                                                                             B. Skeleton in the cupboard/closet
                          C. Cool cat
                                                                                D. Hard/Tough nut to crack
71. - The car was going ___ on the highway, pushing its limits.
- She was working ___ to finish the project before the deadline.
                        A. To the fore
                                                                                     B. After a fashion
             C. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred
                                                                                        D. Flat out
72. - She looked ___ for her missing keys, but they were nowhere to be found.
                       A. High and low
                                                                                     B. Here and there
                       C. Cock-and-bull
                                                                                     D. Down and out
73. - Despite the storm warnings, they decided to ___ with their hiking trip, determined to reach the summit.
- With no map and only a vague idea of the path, they decided to ___ into the dense forest.
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B. Plunge ahead

A. Hold the field

D. Knocked spots off

C. Took a shine to

A. Peppered with	B. Green around the gills
C. Penny-wise and pound-foolish 93 After a long hike, that cold lemonade really	D. In the weeds
- Those morning coffee cups always for me.	
- After working all day, a warm bath really	
A. Pop the question	B. Make allowances
C. Hit the spot	D. Wise up
94 The athlete's performance was, breaking records and setti	<u> •</u>
- Her approach to solving the problem was truly, showcasing h	
A. In the trenches	B. A hundred and one
C. Beyond the norm	D. In the red
95 His speech was humor, making it engaging for the audienc	ce.
A. In a rut	B. In the weeds
C. Keen as mustard	D. Seasoned with
96 My brother with an offer of help.	
- Everyone in the neighborhood to help clean up the park after	the storm.
- When I first bought this dilapidated house, all my friends to h	elp fix it up.
A. Pitched in	B. Went against the grain
C. Got stood up	D. Laid it on with a trowel / Laid it on a bit thick
97 He had to the difficult decision of whether to move for a n	
- The community is trying to the aftermath of the natural disas	
- She had to feelings of doubt and uncertainty after the breaku	0.
- Students often complex theories in advanced mathematics.	
A. Make allowances	B. Hit the books
C. Make good time	D. Grapple with
98 His enthusiasm for the project seemed to over time.	historia
- The town's prosperity would with the fortunes of the local ind	
A. Bow and scrape C. Wax and wane	B. Rant and rave D. Stretch and tone
99 After much consideration, she herself for the promotion	
- After the storm damaged their house, the neighbors them,	
were made	providing them board and toughts with repairs
- When her flight was canceled, a kind stranger her for the	night
A. Threw off balance	B. Ruffled feathers
C. Put up	D. Tucked in
100 My son finally got out of his room and did his own laundry f	or once
	B. Make haste
A. In for a penny, in for a pound	
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109 The rigorous interview process is designed to and find th	
- The editor's job is to, ensuring only the best articles are publis	
A. Cry a river C. Pack the house	B. Separate the wheat from the chaff D. Call it quits
110 During the interview, he experienced memory and could	
- Her mistake was attributed to $__$ judgment during a stressful sit	uation.
- The accident happened due to concentration while driving.	
A. A fit of C. A film of	B. A blow of D. A lapse of
111 After much speculation, she finally her and run for ci	
A. Threw hat in the ring	B. Lavished on
112 He always brags about his big plans, but he's Nothing ev	ver gets done.
A. All bark and no bite / All talk (and no action) / All talk/mouth (and no trousers)	B. At large
C. At bay	D. On tenterhooks
112 His allows him to laugh any kind of criticism off	
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C. Load of cobblers	D. Pretty penny
114 Quick, before the show starts!	
A. File in	B. Crop up
C. Pick up the pieces	D. Simmer down
115 I donned my best for the wedding.	D. Naalaandamana
A. Rack and ruin C. Bib and tucker	B. Nook and cranny D. Bed and board / Board and lodging
116 The project succeeded because everyone their and wo	
A. Boggled brain	B. Took to heels
C. Pulled weight	D. Slipped mind
117 After traveling for hours without a plan, we finally at a s	mall village.
 - After losing his job, he in a new city looking for work. - He at our door late at night, completely unannounced. 	
A. Ground to a halt	B. Hit the ground running
C. Fetched up	D. Laid it on with a trowel / Laid it on a bit thick
118 The company several smaller startups to expand its mar	ket share.
- The kids the cookies as soon as they came out of the oven	
- The mounting legal costs quickly their savings	
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127 We're planning a(n) for Lisa next Friday. It's going to	be an amazing send-off before her wedding.
A. Water under the bridge	B. Common touch
C. Hen night	D. Weather eye
128 The printer is again, so we can't print the documents if - His attempt to fix the leak went, and now the problem is w	
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success.	a like the entire plan was, with no chance of
A. Rat-assed / Rat-arsed	B. On the rocks
C. Up the spout	D. Out of the frying pan into the fire
129 We had to in the back of the car for an hour to find the	, 0.
A. Root around	B. Sing like a canary
C. Get bent out of shape	D. Hold the fort
130 The once wild and untamed valley is now, ready for th	nis season's crops.
A. Blue in the face	B. Under the plough
C. In the weeds	D. Off-the-peg
131 After months of isolation, he was starting to go	
A. Rat-assed / Rat-arsed	B. For the high jump
C. Around the bend	D. No-frills
132 The new team member turned out to be a(n), causing	
- The class was well-behaved, but there was one who consta	-
A. Bad apple	B. Pipe dream
C. Night on the town 133 When his GPS failed during the road trip, he navigated	D. Hatchet job
direction.	_ nts, using roud signs and a general sense of
A. Off trolley	B. Worth salt
C. By the seat of pants	D. On beam ends / On uppers
134 They had been dating for a long time and finally decided t	
- Despite the risks, he finally decided to and invested in the r	
A. Take the plunge	B. Pick up the pieces
C. Hit the road	D. Go by the numbers
135 She had to do a(n) when she saw the striking resemble	
- He did a(n) when he saw his old friend from school in the b	ousy marketplace, unable to believe his eyes at first.
A. Million-dollar question	B. Silver bullet
C. Par for the course	D. Double take
136 The IT team is working to the server capacity to hand	
- The company plans to production to meet the growing den	•
A. Ramp up C. Shake off	B. Stamp out D. Touch up
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137 We've already invested a lot of time into this project, so w A. That dog won't hunt / That cock won't fight	B. In for a penny, in for a pound
C. C'est la vie	D. More haste, less speed
138 Time spent just sitting on a train can be a rare chance to	-
A. Wet blanket	B. Hamster wheel
C. Emotional baggage	D. Lap of luxury
139 Problems can when you least expect them, so always h	he nrenared
A. Simmer down	B. Take the plunge
C. Crop up	D. Hold out/Offer/Extend an olive branch
140 It was a(n), but she managed to avoid the accident by	swerving just in time.
- He had a(n) in passing the exam; he just made it by one po	int.
A. Full play	B. Lap of luxury
C. Line of least resistance	D. Narrow squeak
141 She kept a(n) on her investments, ensuring she made i	
- The captain kept a(n) on the horizon, watching for any sign	
A. Sticky end C. Benefit of the doubt	B. Gold brick D. Weather eye
142 Her warnings about the impending storm fell on as no	
- His concerns about the project's feasibility fell on, with ma	
A. Cat's pajamas/meow/whiskers	B. Any port in a storm
C. Stony ground	D. Bee's knees
143 It's time to the young plants in the garden now that th	ne frost has passed.
- Farmers need to seedlings early in the season for a success	sful harvest.
A. Part company	B. Come to the table
C. Bed out	D. Pull rank
144 After losing his job, he found himself on the, relying or	n food banks to feed his family.
A. Crime of passion	B. Water over the dam
C. Status quo	D. Breadline
145 She didn't want to old memories of her difficult childh	
- The historian managed to forgotten facts about the ancien	
A. Get sauced	B. Hasten to add/point out/say

C. Rattle through	D. Dredge up
146 She was, waiting for the results of her medical tests.	
- After the job interview, he was, hoping for a positive response	e.
A. On tenterhooks	B. Off-the-peg
C. On the lam/run	D. In the weeds
147 The story about the lost puppy finding its way home will sur	rely your
A. See through	B. Rip off
C. Tug at heartstrings	D. Fit like a glove
148 The principal was caught in a(n) because whether she ex	xpelled the student or let him off, she would still
get blamed.	
A. First port of call	B. Par for the course
C. Pretty penny	D. Double bind
149 Given the heavy traffic this morning, you should for her	lateness.
- Teachers often for students who have learning disabilities.	
A. Hold the reins C. Swing a cat	B. Make allowances D. Fit the bill
150 I'd love to stay longer but I really need to	D. Fit the bill
- After finishing up all the paperwork, we decided to call it a day a	and hefore the evening ruch hour
A. Make good time	B. Hit the road
C. Simmer down	D. Turned/Came up trumps
151 Raising his glass to the bride and groom, he said, "To your h	
A. Down the hatch C. Fat chance (of that)	B. Wonders will never cease D. You can't have your cake and eat it (too)
152 The new manager, implementing changes within her firs	
- After graduating, he in his new job, impressing his colleagues	
- The team at the start of the project, meeting all the initial dea	
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A. Had a bumpy ride C. Took a turn for the better	B. Made a huge dent D. Hit the ground running
153 He's a boy from a poor background who on Wall Street.	D. The the ground running
- My uncle owed thousands, but eventually he on all of his debt	ts
- He promised to repay the loan by the end of the month, and he	
- He took a big risk by starting his own company, but he and tu	
A. Pitched in	B. Flew off the handle / Hit the roof/ceiling
C. Made good	D. Made a huge dent
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D. See to

C. Branch out into

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163. - Once we secure this final contract, we'll be ___ with the project.
- After acing the last test, she knew she was ___ for the semester.
                       A. Cock-and-bull
                                                                                     B. High and dry
                       C. Down and out
                                                                                     D. Home and dry
164. - Her homemade cookies are the ____; I could eat them all day.
- That new restaurant in town is the ____; everyone is raving about the food and ambiance.
                        A. Bee's knees
                                                                                     B. Lower reaches
                          C. Curtains
                                                                                      D. Ivory towers
165. - She drinks a cup of ginger tea every morning to ___ colds.
- They used mosquito repellent to ___ the bugs while camping.
                          A. Limp on
                                                                                       B. Ward off
                      C. Charge the earth
                                                                                      D. Call it quits
166. - Ugh, once Mom came in, yelling that I had to get up, I had no choice but to ___ the blankets and finally get out
of bed.
- She couldn't do anything but ___ her gloves in frustration after the argument.
                         A. Mete out
                                                                                    B. Abound in/with
                          C. Fling off
                                                                                        D. Rake in
167. - The manager tried to ___ the customer with a half-hearted apology and a small discount.
- She tried to ___ her responsibilities onto her colleagues, but they noticed and pushed back.
- The parent had to ___
                        the child's questions with vague answers, avoiding a long discussion
                        A. Plough back
                       C. Think highly of
                                                                                       D. Touch up
168. - Speeding through the rain to get home faster caused him to skid off the road.
- He tried to chop the vegetables quickly but ended up cutting himself. Sometimes,
                A. In for a penny, in for a pound
                                                                                 B. More haste, less speed
                  C. A watched pot never boils
                                                                        D. That dog won't hunt / That cock won't fight
169. - When she missed the deadline, her chances of getting the promotion went
- After investing heavily in the failed startup, all his savings went ____.
                      A. Down the drain
                                                                                      B. Over the hill
                      C. Beyond the norm
                                                                                      D. Off-the-peg
170. - I haven't even ___ in that huge stack of papers I have to read.
                          A. Set back
                                                                                      B. Made a dent
                   C. Opened a can of worms
                                                                                       D. Done for
171. - She is α(n) ___ in the world of modern dance, known for her innovative choreography.
- As the founder of the company, he remains a(n) ___ in the tech industry, guiding the team to new heights.
                      A. Shot in the dark
                                                                                     B. Lap of luxury
                        C. Leading light
                                                                                         D. Penny
172. - He joked that he was officially
                                        __ when he turned 50.
- Some people think she's ____, but she's still producing amazing work.
                      A. On the lam/run
                                                                                      B. Over the hill
                    C. A hundred and one
                                                                            D. Around-the-clock/Round-the-clock
173. - His approach may be ____, but he gets the job done efficiently.
- The cabin was ____, but it provided shelter and warmth.
- They had a(n) plan to handle the situation, lacking detail but effective.
                       A. Home and dry
                                                                                     B. Out and about
                      C. Rough and ready
                                                                                D. All (fingers and) thumbs
174. - It's easier to accept the ___ than to push for change.
- To innovate, companies must challenge the ___ and think outside the box.
                         A. Status quo
                                                                                       B. Tall order
                        C. Elbow grease
                                                                                     D. Leading light
175. - I meant to call her back yesterday, but it completely ___ my _
- I planned to bring the documents, but it ___ my ___ while I was rushing out the door.
- The meeting was important, but it somehow ___ his ___ amid all the chaos.
                      A. Slipped ___ mind
                                                                                    B. Pulled ___ weight
                        C. Blew ___ top
                                                                               D. Got/Had ___ ducks in a row
176. - The suspect is still ____, and the police are conducting a manhunt to capture him.
- The new policy received mixed reactions from the public
- The report covered the issue ____, providing extensive details and analysis.
                       A. Over the hump
                                                                                       B. In stitches
                   C. At peace with the world
                                                                                        D. At large
177. - In our meetings, everyone is encouraged to ___ their __ and share their ideas.
                        A. Fill ___ shoes
                                                                           B. Roll up ___ sleeves/Pull ___ socks up
                       C. Speak ___ mind
                                                                         D. Toot ___ own horn/Blow ___ own trumpet
178. - The sudden travel restrictions ___ our vacation plans.
- The unexpected rise in costs ___ the company's expansion plans.
                     A. Galloped through
                                                                                    B. Made a muck of
                      C. Made free with
                                                                                       D. Put paid to
179. - His nonchalant but controversial comments ___ a few ___ at the meeting.
- During the heated discussion, she made a remark about his punctuality, which clearly ___ his
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A. Saved ___ bacon

B. Ruffled ___ feathers

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C. Throw ___ under the bus
                                                                                      D. Put ___ up
180. - If you don't ____, we'll be late for school!
                      A. Get a wiggle on
                                                                                     B. Hold the fort
                        C. Vamp it up
                                                                                   D. Pop the question
181. - Many kids who try to run away from unhappy homes discover that they've jumped when they try to live on
their own.
                       A. Peppered with
                                                                                      B. Up the wall
                                                                            D. Out of the frying pan into the fire
                    C. Rat-assed / Rat-arsed
182. - To ensure the project runs smoothly, we need to ___ and stick to the outlined steps.

    In an emergency situation, it's crucial to ____ to make sure everyone stays safe.

                       A. Simmer down
                                                                                     B. Hold the fort
                     C. Go by the numbers
                                                                                     D. Part company
183. - My brother is the best lawyer in town, and he's pulled me ___ on more than one occasion!
- The president gets all the credit for the economic recovery, but it was really a team of international financial
strategists that pulled it_
                       A. Out of the fire
                                                                                       B. Hard at it
                                                                                    D. Into the weeds
                      C. Blue in the face
184. - It really my how cheap the E5-2680v4 is despite its impressive core count!
                      A. Took to ___ heels
                     C. Pulled ___ weight
                                                                                   D. Boggled ___ brain
185. - With all these new projects, I'm really ___ and struggling to keep up with my workload.
- During the dinner rush, the kitchen staff found themselves , trying to manage the flood of orders.
- He's one of those rare people who can get down ___ and work on the details, but still see the big picture.
- I don't want to get too lost ____, but there is a margin of error.
                     A. Purple with rage
                                                                                       B. Hard at it
                                                                                      D. In stitches
                       C. In the weeds
186. - Passions ___ as both teams fought for the championship title.
                         A. Ran high
                                                                                   B. Made a huge dent
                      C. Ground to a halt
                                                                                      D. Made good
187. - He was so exhausted from the long day at work that he ___ on the couch as soon as he got home.
- After spending all day at the beach, the kids in the backseat on the way back to the hotel.
                         A. Tucked in
                                                                                      B. Zonked out
                     C. Threw in the towel
                                                                                D. Hit the ground running
188. - He the idea of taking a vacation, saying he had way better things to do.
- She ___ his attempts to apologize, not believing he was sincere.
- Many ___ the proposal, dismissing it as unrealistic and impractical.
                         A. Scoffed at
                                                                                    B. Took a shine to
                     C. Knocked spots off
                                                                                       D. Took to
189. - He doesn't have the authority to ___ on me.
- When the team couldn't agree on the new policy, the senior manager decided to ___ and implemented the changes
himself using his power.
                      A. Plough through
                                                                                       B. Bed out
                     C. Take it up a notch
                                                                                       D. Pull rank
190. - After becoming the new manager, he started ___ his ___, making all the important decisions without consulting
his team.
- At family gatherings, she is always ___ her ___, deciding the agenda and making sure everyone follows her plans.
             A. Throwing ___ weight around/about
                                                                                  B. Eating ___ heart out
        C. Holding ___ thumbs/Keeping ___ fingers crossed
191. - It's frustrating to watch him to those in power instead of asserting his own opinions.
- He always had to ___ to his boss, going out of his way to show respect and obedience.
                       A. Rant and rave
                                                                                    B. Bow and scrape
                      C. Wax and wane
                                                                                   D. Stretch and tone
192. - If you think I'm the one who made the mistake, you're ___. It was someone else.
                     A. Hitting the bottle
                                                                                 B. Playing second fiddle
                C. Fitting a quart into a pint pot
                                                                               D. Barking up the wrong tree
193. - When the coach found out about the broken rules, the entire team was _
- He missed another deadline, so he's ___ with the manager this time.
- After he was caught stealing from the company, everyone knew he was ____.
                     A. For the high jump
                                                                                    B. On the lam/run
                      C. Into the weeds
                                                                                 D. Green around the gills
194. - The two companies were ___ over the terms of the merger.
- The neighbors have been ___ for years about the property boundary.
                      A. At loggerheads
                                                                                     B. Over a barrel
                       C. Sick as a dog
                                                                                    D. Over the hump
195. - She always leaves early to be ___ and avoid any traffic delays.
- I know the weather looks fine now, but let's bring an umbrella just to be _
                      A. On the safe side
                                                                                 B. Out of all recognition
                     C. For the high jump
                                                                                      D. In the pink
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196. - Life isn't all ____; You have to work hard and face challenges.

A. Bits and bobs/pieces	B. Twists and turns
C. Dribs and drabs 107 The company is dedicated to electronics offering a wide ra	D. Beer and skittles
197 The company is dedicated to electronics, offering a wide ra - He made a fortune by rare coins and antique jewelry.	nge of gaugets and devices.
- She enjoys vintage clothing and often attends flea markets to fir	nd unique nieces
A. Harping on about	B. Dealing in
C. Moping about	D. Conniving in
198 Being passed over for the promotion was a(n), especially a	fter all his hard work.
- Losing my job despite years of dedicated service was a(n)	
- Finding out that his best friend had lied to him felt like a(n)	
A. Weak links C. First port of call	B. Real kick in the teeth D. Night on the town
199 He the snacks at the party, not realizing they were meant for	S .
- Their guests the amenities, using all the hot water without asking	
A. Took the bloom off	B. Agonized over
C. Scoffed at	D. Made free with
200 The gratingly incessant buzzing noise from the mosquitoes is a	_
A. Up the wall C. With (brass) knobs on	B. At large D. On tenterhooks
201 The school is going to be cut again this year, but then that's	
- Long meetings are in the corporate world.	•
A. Bad apple	B. Narrow squeak
C. Par for the course	D. Status quo
202 The towering mountains the small village, creating a sense	•
A. Butter up	B. Take heart from
C. Hem in	D. Juggle with
203 The CEO's made her approachable and well-liked by employ - Her novels have a(n), resonating deeply with readers due to the	
A. Common touch	B. Night on the town
C. All work and no play	D. Bad apple
204 The mechanic tried to me by charging double for the rep	pairs.
A. Sweep under the carpet	B. Fit like a glove
C. Tug at heartstrings	D. Rip off
205 As a traveling consultant, he has to, moving to a new city e	
A. Part company	B. Live out of a suitcase
C. Plunge ahead	D. Charge the earth
206 The company decided to its profits into research and develo	
A. Stamp out C. Rake in	B. Plough back D. Big up
207 Every of the house was stuffed with souvenirs of their trips	
A. Nook and cranny	B. Touch and go
C. Bed and board / Board and lodging	D. Lock and key
208 She was all the necessary information before the importan	t meeting.
- The soldiers, heavy weapons, were ready for the mission.	
A. Primed with	
209 After the heated argument, she decided to by apologizing a	nd suggesting they start over
A. Gild the lily	B. Hold out/Offer/Extend an olive branch
C. Separate the wheat from the chaff	D. Bed out
210 The room was so cramped, you could barely in there.	
A. Charge the earth	B. Take the plunge
C. Swing a cat	D. Think the world
211 She which job offer to accept, weighing the pros and cons of	f each.
- He every detail of his work, striving for perfection.	D. Mada haayyyyyaathan af
A. Lapped up C. Agonized over	B. Made heavy weather of D. Brought off
212 The project was by technical issues, which forced the team	
A. Set back	B. Caught napping
C. Kept posted	D. Sniped at
213 His negative comments really our first day at the beach.	
- The unexpected rainstorm the outdoor wedding.	
A. Brought off C. Took the bloom off	B. Agonized over D. Rooted for
214 He didn't let the negative feedback affect him; it was like water	
- I've told him that he's heading for trouble, but he doesn't seem to lis	
A. Penny	B. Crack of dawn
C. Ballpark figure	D. Duck's back

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215. - My mom is always ___ the importance of eating vegetables.
- He kept ___ the need to recycle, even though we all got the point.
- She can't stop her ex-boyfriend, even though everyone is tired of hearing about it.
                        A. Moping about
                                                                                       B. Conniving in
                                                                                  D. Nipping at the heels of
                      C. Harping on about
216. - Take a break this weekend and have some fun. ___ makes life dull.
                       A. Hamster wheel
                                                                                   B. All work and no play
                         C. Weak links
                                                                                          D. Penny
217. - Without proper funding and resources, the initiative won't ___ and will fail to make a significant difference.
- Laws need to ___ to deter potential violators and maintain order.
                         A. Have teeth
                                                                                        B. Swing a cat
            C. Throw the baby out with the bathwater
                                                                             D. Separate the wheat from the chaff
218. - It is surprising how she managed to keep the house so ____, given that she's got two kids who's always
frolicking around the house.
                   A. All (fingers and) thumbs
                                                                                      B. Down and out
                   C. Neither here nor there
                                                                                      D. Spick and span
219. - As the alarm went off, everyone ___ to avoid potential flying debris.
- He saw the ball coming fast toward him, so he ___, lying flat on the ground.
                         A. Fetched up
                                                                                       B. Hit the deck
                         C. Tripped up
                                                                                    D. Pushed the boat out
220. - I ___ what my parents will say when I tell them I've failed my exams.
                          A. Ramp up
                                                                                     B. Put one over on
                           C. Fob off
                                                                                     D. Shudder to think
221. - Despite the criticism, she decided to ___ her ___ and pressed ahead with her original plan.
                      A. Stick to ___ guns
                                                                                   B. Raise ___ hand against
                                                                                     D. Set/Put ___ mind
                       C. Speak ___ mind
222. - You can tell her to clean her room until you are ____, but she won't do it.
                       A. Blue in the face
                                                                                     B. Beyond the norm
                                                                                        D. Up the wall
                      C. Purple with rage
223. - After losing his job and struggling to find another, he ended up ___, living on the streets and relying on shelters
for food.
                   A. All (fingers and) thumbs
                                                                                       B. Down and out
                        C. High and dry
                                                                                      D. Out and about
224. - The drawer is full of ___ - clothes, toys, even books!
                      A. Twists and turns
                                                                                     B. Dribs and drabs
                     C. Bits and bobs/pieces
                                                                                      D. Ups and downs
225. - He gave ___ to his creativity during the project, coming up with innovative solutions.
- The art workshop was a place where children could give ___ to their imaginations.
                       A. Ballpark figure
                                                                                         B. Full play
                           C. Cool cat
                                                                                       D. Weather eye
226. - The students ___ their professor, praising his engaging teaching style.
                       A. Think highly of
                                                                                     B. Draw a veil over
                         C. Hold fast to
                                                                                         D. Mete out
227. - The artist ___ by using unconventional materials for his sculpture, challenging traditional art forms.
                                                                                  B. Went against the grain
                         A. Made good
                                                                                        D. Zonked out
                         C. Fetched up
228. - After establishing a strong presence in the domestic market, the company decided to ___ international sales.
                         A. Get sauced
                                                                                      B. Branch out into
                     C. Keep a tight rein on
                                                                                        D. Dredge up
229. - The old derelict bookshelf was covered by ___ dust.
                          A. A blow of
                                                                                         B. A film of
                          C. A lapse of
                                                                                          D. A fit of
230. - She started to ___ her bag in search of her keys.
                      A. Shudder to think
                                                                                     B. Weave a web of
                        C. Rifle through
                                                                                      D. Take issue with
231. - You can occasionally find wildflowers growing around the field.
                       A. Here and there
                                                                                     B. Rough and ready
                        C. Cock-and-bull
                                                                                      D. Out and about
232. - It's a pathetic, cowardly man who would ___ his ___ a child.
              A. Roll up sleeves/Pull socks up
                                                                                   B. Raise ___ hand against
           C. Toot ___ own horn/Blow ___ own trumpet
                                                                                     D. Stick to ___ guns
233. - Scholarships are available ___ for those who meet the criteria.
- With his strikingly excellent qualifications, the job was his ____.
                       A. From top to toe
                                                                                      B. After a fashion
                       C. For the asking
                                                                                       D. At every turn
234. - Parents have to ___ their job commitments to spend enough time with their kids.
                                                                                         B. Tally up
                          A. Fling off
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D. Rake in

C. Juggle with

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235. - After being scolded, the kids silently ___ their classroom.
                         A. Filed into
                                                                                     B. Agonized over
                                                                                       D. Took after
                     C. Made mincemeat of
236. - ___! The bus is about to leave and we can't miss it.
                        A. The jig is up
                                                                                       B. Make haste
                                                                          D. You can't have your cake and eat it (too)
                         C. C'est la vie
237. - She tried to stay calm, but she eventually ___ her ___ when her kids ignored her for the fifth time.
                         when he found out that the team had missed the deadline.
- The manager ___ his _
                                                                                    B. Pulled ___ weight
                        A. Blew ___ top
                 C. Got/Had ___ ducks in a row
                                                                                    D. Slipped ___ mind
238. - If you're finding this workout too easy, by adding some weights or increasing the intensity
                       A. Part company
                                                                                    B. Take it up a notch
                 C. Do/Work wonders/miracles
                                                                                         D. File in
239. - The case was a(n) ___ rather than a real murder with premeditated malice.
                  A. Hundred and ten percent
                                                                                     B. Straight arrow
                      C. Crime of passion
                                                                                  D. Hard/Tough row to hoe
240. - She gave him a(n) ____, hinting at the surprise party planned for his birthday.
                       A. Rack and ruin
                                                                            B. Bed and board / Board and lodging
                      C. Hustle and bustle
                                                                                     D. Nudge and wink
241. - By ___, she had to switch careers after her company went bankrupt.
                        A. Ivory towers
                                                                                       B. Bee's knees
                   C. Force of circumstances
                                                                                        D. Deaf ears
242. - He put in a(n) ___ to make his dream a reality, working day and night.
                         A. Media blitz
                                                                                  B. Million-dollar question
                  C. Hundred and ten percent
                                                                                     D. Chain of events
243. - The con artist managed to ___ lies to deceive the unsuspecting victims.
- The author's skills allowed him to ___ intrigue, keeping readers on the edge of their seats.
- The politician's speech appeared to ___ promises and assurances, but it was hard to see the concrete plans.
- She decided to ___ manipulation, playing each member of the group against one another.
                      A. Weave a web of
                                                                                         B. Hem in
                      C. Draw a veil over
                                                                                   D. Keep a tight rein on
244. - It was a real race ___ to get all the costumes sewn for the play.
- The doctors fought to save the patient, who could have passed away at any moment after the severe accident.
- The team worked ___ to complete the project before the end of the day.
                    A. Against time/the clock
                                                                                   B. Rat-assed / Rat-arsed
                         C. In stitches
                                                                                      D. On the rocks
245. - The design was elegant and minimalistic; adding more features would just _
- The house was perfect as it was, but the new owners decided to ___ by renovating it.
                          A. Pawn off
                                                                                       B. Root around
                         C. Gild the lily
                                                                                       D. Hit the spot
246. - The ___ of the city can be overwhelming.
                      A. Nook and cranny
                                                                            B. Bed and board / Board and lodging
                       C. Thick and thin
                                                                                    D. Hustle and bustle
247. - The fingerprints on the weapon were the ___ that led to the suspect's arrest.
- The video footage was the ___ that proved the company's involvement in the fraud.
- The leaked documents served as the ____, exposing the corruption within the organization.
                       A. Crack of dawn
                                                                                       B. Lame duck
                         C. Tall order
                                                                                      D. Smoking gun
248. - The new police chief is known as a(n) ___ who won't tolerate any form of corruption.
- He's a(n) ___ when it comes to following company policies and ethical guidelines.
                   A. Million-dollar guestion
                                                                                       B. High horse
                     C. Knight of the road
                                                                                     D. Straight arrow
249. - We had a(n) ___ with the car on our way to the beach, but luckily it was just a flat tire.
- There was a(n) ___ at the airport when our flight got delayed due to bad weather.
                       A. Spot of bother
                                                                                        B. Tall order
                        C. Silver bullet
                                                                                      D. Weather eye
250. - Let's ___ everyone's suggestions and decide on the best course of action.
                          A. Fling off
                                                                                        B. Share in
                          C. Tally up
                                                                                         D. See to
251. - The ___ of a true friendship is whether it endures through the toughest times.
- Their performance in the finals will be the ___ of their skills.
                       A. Crack of dawn
                                                                                       B. Media blitz
                          C. Acid test
                                                                           D. Stag night/Stag party/Bachelor party
252. - His repeated requests for more funding fell on ____, as the board was not interested in increasing the budget.
                         A. Deaf ears
                                                                                      B. Ivory towers
                C. Cat's pajamas/meow/whiskers
                                                                                     D. Salt of the earth
253. - When the female mugger attacked him, he had no choice but to ___ his ___ to protect himself.
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B. Fill ___ shoes

A. Roll up ___ sleeves/Pull ___ socks up

C. Knock lights out	D. Hold horses	
254 She's been going through a(n) at work, dealing with multip	le project failures.	
- Their relationship hit a(n) when they had to deal with long-dist		
- The company is facing a(n) due to declining sales and increased competition.		
A. Bad apple	B. Bad/Difficult/Rough/Sticky patch	
C. Butcher's dog / Fiddle	D. Plain Jane	
255 Organizing such a large event in such a small city centre is like		
A. Fitting a quart into a pint pot	B. Falling off a log	
C. Hitting the bottle	D. Pressing the flesh	
256 The threat of a heavy storm the residents, making them rus - The boss's stern warning the employees about meeting their dec		
A. Rallied round	B. Made a muck of	
C. Put the wind up	D. Took a shine to	
257 Stop, Billy, and just stand still for a moment!		
A. Fitting a quart into a pint pot	B. Pressing the flesh	
C. Falling off a log	D. Jigging about	
258 Under the intense scrutiny of the press, the politician eventual	ly and provided a full confession	
A. Flew off the handle / Hit the roof/ceiling	B. Looked askance	
C. Caved/Gave in	D. Hit the skids	
259 She's been pretending to work on the project for weeks, but wh	nen her boss asks for progress and found	
nothing, she realizes		
A. Knock it off	B. It takes two to tango	
C. The jig is up	D. In for a penny, in for a pound	
260 She was for the promotion, despite her qualifications and h	aard work.	
- The will specified that the property would be to the eldest son.		
A. Passed over C. Sniped at	B. Caught napping D. Made a dent	
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261 I had to the burger so I could get back on the road straight	_	
A. Shudder to think C. Slam down	B. Branch out into D. Tally with	
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262 When planning the event, she asked the caterer for a(n) of		
A. Hard/Tough nut to crack C. Penny	B. Ballpark figure D. Head start	
263 During the meeting, we got a little discussing the technical		
team members.	operations, which conjucta some of the	
- Let's not get with the budget details right now; we need to focus	s on the overall strategy.	
A. In a rut	B. In stitches	
C. Into the weeds	D. Green around the gills	
264 They plan to improving their product to better meet custon	ner needs.	
A. Look up	B. Fob off	
C. Ramp up	D. Work at	
265 The disrespect he showed our professor during class my	_ so badly that I had to go take a walk to calm	
down.		
A. Throw under the bus	B. Did in	
C. Raised hackles	D. Threw off balance	
266 The band's performance was so popular that they managed to		
A. Pack the house	B. Call a spade a spade	
C. Hold the fort	D. Simmer down	
267 The president's was tasked with silencing opposition.		
A. Smoking gun	B. Sticky end	
C. Rearguard action	D. Hatchet man	
268 After the breakup, he spent days the house, feeling sorry fo		
 Instead of the lost opportunity, he decided to focus on new poss On rainy days, he wastes time and doing nothing productive. 	willes.	
A. Dealing in	B. Nipping at the heels of	
C. Harping on about	D. Moping about	
269 No doctor their would recommend such a treatment wi		
- Any engineer their should be able to troubleshoot this probl		
A. Off trolley	B. By the seat of pants	
C. On beam ends / On uppers	D. Worth salt	
270 After winning the lottery, they found themselves living in the _	_ with a mansion and multiple exotic cars.	
A. Par for the course	B. Pipe dream	
C. Lap of luxury	D. Happy medium	
271 After years of working together, the two business partners dec	ided to due to differing future visions.	
A. Cry a river	B. Bed out	
C. Part company	D. Roll over	
272 The candidate spent the afternoon at the county fair, shaking	ng hands with voters and listening to their	

concerns.

A. Over a barrel	B. No-frills
C. Down the drain	D. On tenterhooks
292 A vacation can for your stress levels.	
- The new treatment shall for patients with rare diseases.	
A. Do/Work wonders/miracles	B. Call a spade a spade
C. Charge the earth	D. Break the mould/mold
293 When he has an exam, he either studies day and night or doe	es nothing at all. He can never find the
A. Happy medium	B. Bad penny
C. Bad apple	D. Breadline
294 Both sides need to and discuss their differences to reach a	_
A. Call it quits	B. Call the shots
C. Come to the table	D. Plunge ahead
295 The movie was so touching that it made the whole audience	·
A. Come to the table	B. Hit the spot
C. Cry a river	D. Call the shots
296 Stop checking your phone for the job interview call Try t	to rolay and koon husy
A. A watched pot never boils C. Knock it off	B. Make haste D. A stitch in time (saves nine)
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297 His joke about the boss went down like a(n), and no one l	aughed.
A. Penny	B. Lead balloon
C. Church mouse	D. Penny-pincher
298 In rage, he slammed the door so hard it almost came off i	its hinges.
- She couldn't help but break into laughter after hearing the hild	arious joke.
A. A lapse of	B. A load of
C. A film of	D. A fit of
299 By signing the contract, she for a new project.	
- The flashy groundbreaking ceremony for the redevelopment o	f the downtown area.
- After weeks of planning, they finally for their new business ver	
A. Set the wheels in motion	B. Took a turn for the better
C. Ran high	D. Zonked out
300 When he told me he won the lottery, I was so shocked you co	
- She was so stunned by the news of her promotion that you could be	nave ner
A. Knocked down/over with a feather	
301 After the marathon, she a big plate of pasta.	
- The kids the cookies as soon as they came out of the oven.	
- He his breakfast in a hurry before heading to work.	
A. Laid it on with a trowel / Laid it on a bit thick	B. Scarfed down
C. Hit the wall	D. Hit the ground running
302 After a few lessons, the children the subject like ducks to	water.
- The puppy its new home immediately, exploring every corner	with enthusiasm.
- He his new job with ease, impressing his colleagues with his q	
A. Made mincement of	B. Made heavy weather of
C. Took to	D. Filed into
303 After repeated warnings about his performance, the compan	
- When she found out he was lying, she him without a secon	
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A. Did in	B. Saved bacon
C. Throw under the bus	D. Sent packing
304 That get-rich-quick scheme was nothing but a(n) It looke	ed promising, but it was just a waste of time
A. Water under the bridge	B. Cream of the crop
C. Wooden spoon	D. Gold brick
305 Faced with the threat of a long prison sentence, he chose to _	and testify against his accomplices.
A. Sing like a canary	B. Grapple with
C. Make good time	D. Take the plunge
306 Whether he prefers to study in the morning or at night is	
assignments.	, while matters to that he completed his
•	ware talling shout descent outline
- He mentioned that he doesn't like broccoli, but that's since we	-
A. Neither here nor there	B. Here and there
C. Cock-and-bull	D. Home and dry
307 The president became a(n) after the election, with limited	power to influence new legislation.
A. Lame duck	B. Pie in the sky
C. Shot in the dark	D. Status quo
308 A: You always say I'm late, but what about the time you miss	ed the deadline last month?
- B: You have a point.	
A. Touché	B. In for a penny, in for a pound

291. - They have us ___ with this contract; We have no choice but to acquiesce to it.

309 The politician's speech was full of, with no real plans	s or solutions.
- He always makes grand promises, but it's all just	D. Hat ain
A. Close quarters C. Empty threats	B. Hot air D. Ivory towers
310 His bullshit explanation for being late was a(n)	
A. Common touch	B. Gold brick
C. Dirty dog 311 She decided to painting as a hobby during her free ti	D. Load of cobblers
- The new furniture seems to too much space in the living	
- He decided to the job offer from the prestigious company.	
A. Hasten to add/point out/say	B. Take up
C. Draw a veil over 312 After the new competitors entered the market, the once	D. Mete out thriving company and struggled to stay affoat
- The economy during the recession, with many businesses	
A. Went against the grain	B. Laid it on with a trowel / Laid it on a bit thick
C. Acquired a taste	D. Hit the skids
313 The company tried to the financial discrepancies A. Psych up	, hoping no one would notice. B. Have in a half-nelson
C. Sweep under the carpet	D. See through
314 It's time for you to and see that they're just using yo	u.
A. Crop up	B. Wise up
C. Shuffle off 315 She spilled coffee on her shirt during breakfast and miss	D. Go by the numbers
talk about a(n)!	see the bus, and now site s getting beratea by the boss,
A. Leading light	B. Bad hair day
C. Load of cobblers	D. Chain of events
316 Despite the heavy traffic, they managed to and reach	
A. Call a spade a spade C. Make good time	B. Have teeth D. Pull rank
317 When I first got married, I was as poor as a(n)	
A. Church mouse	B. Shot in the dark
C. Straight arrow 318 She seems to of her mentor, always seeking advice fr	D. Chain of events
- I of my niece - she's a smart, loving girl.	one nana.
A. Plunge ahead	B. Batten down the hatches
C. Think the world	D. Call it quits
319 The company has been operating for the past two quantum A. A hundred and one	larters, thriving with very little expenses. B. Seasoned with
C. Run-of-the-mill	D. In the black
320 The students in the honors program are considered the	in the school.
A. Hard/Tough nut to crack	B. Cream of the crop
C. Happy medium	D. Line of least resistance
321 The luxurious hotel we stayed at this year is a(n) fro A. Duck's back	B. Pretty penny
C. Far cry	D. Sticky end
322 His plan to set up a successful business in this disgustin	gly capitalistic economy is just
A. Hard/Tough row to hoe C. Pie in the sky	B. Lap of honor D. Load of cobblers
323 She on the rug and fell face first onto the floor.	D. Loud of commers
- She during her speech when she forgot her lines.	
- I on the last question and lost a few points.	
A. Hit the skids C. Went against the grain	B. Hit the ball out of the park D. Tripped up
324 The doctor was, having to decide between telling the	** *
with hope.	
- She felt like she was, trying to balance her career ambition.	
- The politician was, torn between supporting the party lin A. Peppered with	B. In a cleft stick
C. Beyond the norm	D. In the pink
325 Oh, Alex! I'm really not in the mood for your jokes.	
A. More haste, less speed	B. C'est la vie
C. The jig is up	D. Knock it off
326 After her promotion, she finally gets to A. Call the shots	B. Turned/Came up trumps
C Sing like a canary	D. Ratten down the hatches

327 After the surgery, it was for a while, but she eventually pull	•
- The doctors informed us that the next few hours would be, as the	ney weren't sure if the patient would make it
through the critical phase of the operation Due to the bad weather, our flight was, but we landed safely in t	he and
A. Nudge and wink	B. Touch and go
C. Hustle and bustle	D. Lock and key
328 Academics sitting in have no understanding of what is imp	
- The new policy proposals, drafted in the of the capital, don't add	
A. Lower reaches	B. Ivory towers
C. Hot air	D. Any port in a storm
329 After recovering from her illness, she was finally, enjoying	the fresh air and visiting friends.
A. High and low	B. Down and out
C. Cock-and-bull	D. Out and about
330 It's a(n) store supplying only basic goods at affordable pric	
- The grocery store offers the lowest prices, but don't expect fancy	
A. In the red C. No-frills	B. In a cleft stick D. Beyond the norm
331 Ever since she got that promotion, she's been living in	D. Beyond the norm
- With our sales figures reaching new heights, we're really in this	auarter.
A. Lower reaches	B. Any port in a storm
C. Stony ground	D. High cotton
332 She's such a(n); Even during the emergency, she managed t	o keep her cool and knew exactly what to do.
A. Knight of the road	B. Cool customer
C. Duck's back	D. Smoking gun
333 I want to be about any changes to the event schedule.	
A. Sniped at	B. Passed over
C. Kept posted	D. Set back
334 When the company went bankrupt, the employees were left	, with no severance pay or job prospects.
A. High and dry	B. Neither here nor there
C. Out and about	D. Cock-and-bull
335 After the surgery, his health, and he started to recover quic	ckly.
A. Took a turn for the better	B. Set the wheels in motion
C. Made good	D. Ground to a halt
336 They reviewing their finances monthly to ensure they staye	a on buaget.
- He reading a book every week to expand his knowledge. A. Lapped up	B. Put paid to
C. Put the wind up	D. Made a practice of
337 He was accused of the embezzlement scheme, helping to di	
- The students were caught the cheating plan during the exam.	1 37 3 1 8
A. Dealing in	B. Moping about
C. Conniving in	D. Raking off
338 When he heard about the unfair decision, he and started sh	nouting.
A. Flew off the handle / Hit the roof/ceiling	B. Hit the deck
C. Made a huge dent	D. Went against the grain
339 He thinks he'll get a promotion with that arrogant attitude?	_!
A. More haste, less speed	B. Fat chance (of that)
C. A stitch in time (saves nine)	D. Make haste
340 His warnings about quitting were just; he never had any in	tention of leaving the company.
A. Cat's pajamas/meow/whiskers	B. Salt of the earth
C. Hot air	D. Empty threats
341 He for his daughter's wedding, sparing no expense.	
A. Pushed the boat out	B. Looked askance
C. Pressed ahead 342 He the simple task, turning a ten-minute job into an hour-lo	D. Did in
- They assembling the flat-pack furniture, despite the clear and si	=
A. Made heavy weather of	B. Agonized over
C. Made a muck of	D. Gobbled up
343 The apartment seems to their lifestyle, offering everythi	
A. Tug at heartstrings	B. See through
C. Rip off	D. Fit like a glove
344 The community the local family who lost their home in a fix shelter.	
- When he was going through a tough time, his friends all to offer	r their support and help.
- People from all over the town to raise funds for the new commu	
A. Put paid to	B. Made a muck of
C. Rallied round	D. Made free with
345 She decided to for the party, wearing a stunning red dress of	
- The dress is simple and elegant, but you could for evening wear	with some stunning jewellery.

A. Hold the fort B. Vamp it up C. Pull rank D. Limp on 346. - The new office furniture was all ____, but it still looked quite stylish. - He prefers bespoke suits over ones because they fit better. A. No-frills B. Off-the-peg C. Penny-wise and pound-foolish D. Against time/the clock 347. - To be is practically the same thing as flat broke. A. Stone broke B. Down the drain C. Across the board D. Out of the fire 348. - She had to ___ a lot of money ___ the new kitchen renovation, but it was worth every penny. - He had to ___ \$2000 ___ a new laptop after his old one broke down unexpectedly. A. Fork out ___ for 349. - "If the bill passes, we're certainly not going to ___ and say that's fine," he said. They're not going to just ___ and let him play because they're getting pressure from everybody. A. Plough through B. Grapple with C. Break the mould/mold D. Roll over 350. - Failing the exam was a(n) ____, teaching him to study more diligently. - Getting that rejection letter was a(n) ____, but it motivated him to work even harder A. Real kick in the pants B. Common touch C. Par for the course D. Pie in the sky 351. - He decided to burn the midnight oil and ___ to be able to ace the test. A. Grapple with B. Make headway C. Hit the books D. Shuffle off 352. - In the 1930s, many men became "___" during the Great Depression, traveling in search of work or adventure. A. Knight of the road B. All work and no play C. Pie in the sky D. Bad hair day 353. - We watched a comedy movie last night and it had us ___ throughout. A. In the red B. Exposed to the elements C. Around the bend D. In stitches 354. - After the breakup, he started_ _ more frequently to cope with his emotions. A. Hitting the bottle B. Playing second fiddle C. Fitting a quart into a pint pot D. Running the show 355. - The teacher answered the student's difficult question ____, showing her deep knowledge of the subject. - When the project manager asked for my input out of the blue, I had to speak ____, but I think I made some good points. A Blue in the face B. Under the plough C. With (brass) knobs on D. Off the cuff 356. - His story didn't ___ the facts presented by the witnesses. - The final count must ___ the records we have on file. A. Mete out B. Slam down D. Tally with C. Draw a veil over 357. - The company has been operating for the past two quarters, struggling to cover its expenses. A. Hard at it B. In the red C. For the high jump D. By the wayside 358. - Despite the challenges, she was determined to ___ the project ___ to the end. A. Sweep ___ under the carpet B. Tug at ___ heartstrings C. See ___ through D. Fit ___ like a glove 359. - We were able to observe the wildlife at ____, giving us an incredible view of their natural behavior. - The soldiers trained to fight at ____, preparing for hand-to-hand combat situations. - Living in a small apartment means we're always at ___ with each other. A. Ivory towers B. Close quarters C. High cotton D. Salt of the earth 360. - Life is full of ____, but it's how we handle them that defines us. B. Dribs and drabs A. Ups and downs C. Ins and outs D. Bits and bobs/pieces 361. - The President is used to being ___ by his opponents whenever a new policy is proposed. A. Done for B. Caught napping C. Sniped at D. Set back 362. - His extensive background in the field gave him a(n) ___ when he began his new job. A. Weak links B. Water under the bridge C. Head start D. Stag night/Stag party/Bachelor party 363. - He ___ the route ___ so he wouldn't get lost on the way. - The actor ___ his lines ___ for the upcoming performance. A. Raised ___ hackles B. Throw ___ under the bus C. Did ___ in D. Committed ___ to memory 364. - Despite the challenges, she and delivered an excellent presentation. - The underdog team ___ and won the championship.

B. In the trenches

D. On the rocks

A. In a rut

C. Purple with rage

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382. - The children ___ their new teacher, feeling comfortable and eager to learn.
- The customer immediately ___ the vintage car, deciding to purchase it on the spot.
- She the quaint little café and made it her go-to spot for weekend brunches.
                      A. Galloped through
                                                                                        B. Filed into
                       C. Took a shine to
                                                                                        D. Took after
383. - Charity organizations always food and supplies to those in need.
                       A. Weave a web of
                                                                                         B. Dole out
                       C. Think highly of
                                                                                     D. Branch out into
384. - As you fix the broken toy, be careful not to ___ by removing the parts that still work.
                         A. Fit the bill
                                                                                          B. File in
            C. Throw the baby out with the bathwater
                                                                                         D. Limp on
385. - Despite the numerous setbacks, the project continued to ___, barely making any progress.
                        A. Hold the fort
                      C. Pick up the pieces
                                                                              D. Make hav while the sun shines
386. - After trying to fix the old car for hours, he finally ___ and called a mechanic.
- Realizing he couldn't fix the issue, he ___ and called for help.
                     A. Threw in the towel
                                                                                        B. Made good
                        C. Hit the skids
                                                                                       D. Fell off a cliff
387. - They promised to support each other through ____, no matter what they faced.
                        A. Touch and go
                                                                                      B. Thick and thin
                                                                                     D. Hustle and bustle
                       C. Bib and tucker
388. - Unfortunately, if this merger doesn't go through, it's ___ for our company.
- It's ___ for the defending champs if they don't pull off a miraculous comeback.
                       A. Close quarters
                                                                                   B. Any port in a storm
                                                                                         D. Hot air
                          C. Curtains
389. - He ___ the government, criticizing their heavily prejudiced policies during the debate.
- The manager ___ the employee for consistently arriving late to work.
                     A. Made a practice of
                                                                                    B. Galloped through
                          C. Laid into
                                                                                    D. Took the bloom off
390. - The delivery came in ____; First I got the CPU, then the RAM, then the GPU.
                      A. Dribs and drabs
                                                                                     B. Airs and graces
                      C. Twists and turns
                                                                                     D. Beer and skittles
391. - He tends to ___ about his favorite movies, sometimes without realizing he's lost the interest of his listeners.
                          A. Work at
                                                                                       B. Slam down
                           C. Big up
                                                                                        D. Ramble on
392. - We noticed some errors in the report, and I that they are being corrected as we speak.
                         A. Ramble on
                                                                                         B. Take up
                          C. Rake up
                                                                                D. Hasten to add/point out/say
393. - The vibrant patches of forest, where countless species reside, wildlife.
                       A. Abound in/with
                                                                                         B. Look up
                         C. Juggle with
                                                                                      D. Rattle through
394. - Without proper defenses, the soldiers were like ___ to the enemy attack.
- Leaving the valuables in plain sight made them for thieves.
                         A. High cotton
                                                                                       B. Sitting ducks
                       C. Salt of the earth
                                                                                      D. Stony ground
395. - Wearing a helmet ___ his ___ when he fell off his bike.
- The unexpected bonus from work really ___ their ___ just when they were struggling to pay bills.
                     A. Ruffled ___ feathers
                                                                                 B. Throw ___ under the bus
                         C. Put ___ up
                                                                                     D. Saved ___ bacon
396. - The boys got completely ___ at the party, even though they weren't old enough to drink!
                    A. Out of all recognition
                                                                                     B. Across the board
                    C. Rat-assed / Rat-arsed
                                                                                     D. On tenterhooks
397. - Even though there was some evidence against him, the jury gave him the and found him not guilty.
- She missed the meeting, but I'll give her the ___ and assume she had a good reason.
                     A. Benefit of the doubt
                                                                                      B. Church mouse
                       C. Narrow squeak
                                                                                       D. Lead balloon
398. - After catching the flu, he was ___ for a whole week.
                        A. Sick as a dog
                                                                                  B. As cool as a cucumber
                         C. Off-the-grid
                                                                                      D. In a cleft stick
399. - With his new job demanding so much of his time, his hobbies have fallen
- Despite her initial enthusiasm, her New Year's resolution to exercise daily fell
                                                                                      __ after just a few weeks.
                        A. On the rocks
                                                                                      B. By the wayside
                          C. No-frills
                                                                                  D. Green around the gills
400. - The strong poison ___ the entire colony of ants.
- He ___ his knee during the soccer match and had to sit out the rest of the season.
- The heavy rain ___ our plans for a picnic.
                         A. Made good
                                                                          B. Flew off the handle / Hit the roof/ceiling
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D. Hit the skids

C. Did in

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401. - He is a well-seasoned veteran who knows all the ___ of the business.
                      A. Twists and turns
                                                                                   B. Bits and bobs/pieces
                        C. Ins and outs
                                                                                    D. Beer and skittles
402. - In the debate, she ___ her opponent's arguments with her well-researched points.
- The lawyer ___ the witness's testimony, exposing inconsistencies and lies.
- The new startup ___ the competition by offering better products at lower prices.
                     A. Made mincemeat of
                                                                                       B. Lapped up
                      C. Made a muck of
                                                                                     D. Put the wind up
403. - Every new recruit was given a(n) ___ uniform and equipment upon joining.
- The office laptops were all ___ models, with no special features or customizations.
                          A. At large
                                                                                       B. In the pink
                                                                                     D. Standard-issue
                          C. In a rut
404. - You should come down off your ___ and listen to what they have to say.
- He needs to get off his ___ and realize that he's not always right.
                   A. Water under the bridge
                                                                                       B. High horse
                      C. Night on the town
                                                                                       D. Silver bullet
405. - They invited us to ___ with them and we ended up all collapsing in beery exhaustion.
                         A. Get sauced
                                                                                        B. Save for
                       C. Think highly of
                                                                                        D. Butter up
406. - He planned a romantic dinner by the beach to ___ under the stars.
                      A. Pop the question
                                                                              B. Make hay while the sun shines
                        C. Call the shots
                                                                                   D. Live out of a suitcase
407. - She was chosen for the position ___ her extensive experience and skills
- They earned the top spot in the competition ___ their hard work and dedication.
                        A. Hell-bent on
                                                                                       B. By virtue of
408. - The artist decided to ___ the painting by adding a little more detail to the background.
                      A. Weave a web of
                         C. Butter up
                                                                                        D. Ramp up
409. - Despite ___ to the star player, he made crucial contributions to the team's victory.
                                                                                  B. Playing second fiddle
                        A. Jigging about
                      C. Running the show
                                                                                    D. Hitting the bottle
410. - Inflation sucks; They now ___ just for a cup of coffee.
                          A. Pawn off
                                                                                   B. Call a spade a spade
                                                                                    D. Charge the earth
                       C. Get a wiggle on
411. - The young entrepreneur decided to by introducing a revolutionary product that changed the market.
                   A. Break the mould/mold
                                                                                        B. Ward off
                      C. Charge the earth
                                                                                    D. Come to the table
412. - Before we jump to conclusions, let's ___ our ___ and review the data
                   A. Raise ___ hand against
                                                                                     B. Hold ___ horses
                      C. Set/Put ___ mind
                                                                         D. Toot ___ own horn/Blow ___ own trumpet
413. - After recovering from the flu, she's now ___ and feeling great.
- Despite his age, he's still ___ and active every day.
                        A. Up the wall
                                                                                    B. Out of circulation
                      C. For the high jump
                                                                                       D. In the pink
414. - Raising four children on a single income was a(n) , but I managed to do it anyway.
                          A. Acid test
                                                                                    B. Par for the course
                        C. Double bind
                                                                                 D. Hard/Tough row to hoe
415. - She takes vitamins to keep illnesses during the winter months.
- Regularly checking your emails can help keep chaos .
- To keep debt ____, he carefully monitors his spending and saves diligently.
                       A. On tenterhooks
                                                                                         B. At bay
                      C. Beyond the norm
                                                                                  D. Out of all recognition
416. - After finding out he lied to her, she called him a(n) .
- He cheated in the game and everyone called him a(n) ____.
                         A. Head start
                                                                                 B. Hundred and ten percent
                         C. Weak links
                                                                                        D. Dirty dog
417. - The book remained in the ___ of the bestseller list for months before gaining popularity.
- The study focused on the ___ of the social hierarchy and its impacts on health.
                       A. Lower reaches
                                                                                      B. Close quarters
                         C. Deaf ears
                                                                                       D. High cotton
418. - Living on the streets often means being , facing harsh weather conditions daily.
                        A. Up the spout
                                                                                      B. Peppered with
                   C. Exposed to the elements
                                                                                      D. In a cleft stick
419. - Our team has been ____, working tirelessly to develop the new software update.
- During the busiest season, you'll find the manager ___, working alongside the staff to meet the deadlines.
                    A. Rat-assed / Rat-arsed
                                                                                     B. In the trenches
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D. Blue in the face

C. Run-of-the-mill

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420. - He doesn't sugarcoat his opinions and always tends to _
- We need to ___ and face the fact that the current strategy isn't working.
            A. Throw the baby out with the bathwater
                                                                                        B. Shuffle off
                      C. Think the world
                                                                                   D. Call a spade a spade
421. - He's ___ about his role in the big soccer game this weekend.
                       A. On the lam/run
                                                                                     B. Keen as mustard
                       C. By the wayside
                                                                                         D. In a rut
422. - She found learning languages as easy as ___
                     A. Running the show
                                                                               B. Fitting a quart into a pint pot
                        C. Jigging about
                                                                                      D. Falling off a log
423. - Notwithstanding the obstacles, she ___ to meet the deadline.
- They ___ with the project despite the setbacks.
                    A. Pushed the boat out
                                                                                      B. Pressed ahead
                          C. Ran high
                                                                                       D. Hit the wall
424. - As the hurricane approached, residents were advised to ___ and stock up on emergency supplies.
                                                                                 B. Batten down the hatches
                      A. Take the plunge
                      C. Think the world
                                                                                       D. Forge ahead
425. - She always looks like the ___ in her vintage dresses and stylish accessories.
                       A. Close quarters
                                                                                       B. Ivory towers
                C. Cat's pajamas/meow/whiskers
                                                                                  D. Force of circumstances
426. - For our new marketing campaign, we need creative thinkers, and John's innovative ideas ____.
- I've been looking for an unnecessarily overpriced backpack, and this Gucci backpack seems to ___.
                         A. Fit the bill
                                                                                      B. Hold the field
                      C. Pop the question
                                                                                       D. Cry a river
427. - After a long week of work, they decided to have a(n) ___, exploring new restaurants and dancing the night
awav.
                        A. Media blitz
                                                                                         B. Far cry
                     C. Night on the town
                                                                                        D. Sticky end
428. - Her presentation at the conference, earning her a standing ovation.
- The marketing campaign was so effective that it ____, doubling the sales.
- The team ___ with their innovative new product, capturing the market's attention.
                                                                                B. Hit the ball out of the park
                   A. Went against the grain
                      C. Ground to a halt
                                                                                 D. Set the wheels in motion
429. - After her injury, she has been ___ and hasn't been seen at social events for months.
- Ever since he retired, he has been ___ and spends most of his time traveling.
                          A. No-frills
                                                                                    B. Out of circulation
                          C. On a tear
                                                                                      D. Over a barrel
430. - Some historical figures met a(n) ___ due to their controversial actions.

    If you keep making risky decisions, you might come to a(n) ____.

- The villain in the movie came to a(n) ___ after his plans were foiled.
                         A. Sticky end
                                                                                      B. Lap of luxury
                         C. Gold brick
                                                                                  D. Wrong end of the stick
431. - We missed the bus, but ___. We'll catch the next one.
- I didn't get the job I wanted, but ____. Something better might come along.
                    A. It takes two to tango
                                                                          B. You can't have your cake and eat it (too)
                  C. Wonders will never cease
                                                                                        D. C'est la vie
432. - When faced with multiple options, he always takes the ____, choosing whatever requires the least effort.
- Rather than arguing with her colleagues, she followed the ___ and agreed to their plan.
                           A. Far cry
                                                                                  B. Line of least resistance
                          C. Acid test
                                                                                     D. Shot in the dark
433. - The old mansion had gone to ___ after years of abandonment.
- The once-thriving business went to ____ following the economic downturn.
                      A. Nudge and wink
                                                                                      B. Rack and ruin
                      C. Hustle and bustle
                                                                                     D. Nook and cranny
434. - The electrician installed a new \_\_ to protect the home's electrical system from overloads.
                       A. Circuit breaker
                                                                                      B. Wooden spoon
                        C. Pretty penny
                                                                                        D. Status quo
                         historical quotes, with references to different politicians here and there.
435. - The essay was
                       A. Peppered with
                                                                                      B. In a cleft stick
                         C. In the red
                                                                                       D. Off-the-peg
436. - Winning the lottery and becoming a millionaire is just α(n) ___ for most people.
                       A. Common touch
                                                                                          B. Penny
                         C. Pipe dream
                                                                                    D. Night on the town
437. - Mr Nam accused us of being ____, as if nothing had happened.
                   A. At peace with the world
                                                                                      B. Out of the fire
                                                                                  D. As cool as a cucumber
                   C. Exposed to the elements
438. - Before submitting the project proposal, Jane made sure she ___ her ___, with every detail meticulously
organized and double-checked.
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B. Pulled ___ weight

A. Slipped ___ mind

C. Got/Had ducks in a row	D. Boggled brain	
439 The suspect has been ever since his escape from prison last year.		
A. Garden-variety	B. Stone broke	
C. Around-the-clock/Round-the-clock 440 There's no need to about the new office policies.	D. On the lam/run	
- Don't just because we disagree on this.		
A. Sing like a canary	B. Pick up the pieces	
C. Simmer down	D. Get bent out of shape	
441 The journalist was accused of doing a(n) on the celebrity, focusin	g solely on negative aspects.	
A. First port of call	B. Crack of dawn	
C. Hatchet job	D. Cool cat	
442 For the plan to succeed, both departments need to collaborate A. It takes two to tango	B. Wonders will never cease	
C. C'est la vie	D. Make haste	
443 The teacher tried to the key points of the lesson to ensure they co		
- Despite the tight deadline, she managed to the report and submit it or		
A. Ramp up C. See to	B. Rake up D. Rattle through	
444 Securing the major contract was a(n) his, showcasing his skill A. Feather in cap	is in negotiation.	
Threather in cup		
445 He finds it hard to trust people because of the from his previous		
- She realized that to move forward in her career, she needed to let go of th		
A. Elbow grease C. Lap of honor	B. Cream of the crop D. Emotional baggage	
446 It's getting late, let's for the day and pick up where we left off ton		
- After several failed attempts, he decided to and try a different approach		
A. Get bent out of shape	B. Get a wiggle on	
C. Cry a river 447 They decided to move to a remote cabin in the mountains and live	D. Call it quits	
water.	_, retying on solar power and a well jor	
- Our vacation was so peaceful; no internet, no phone signal, not a cell	phone in sight, just people living in the	
moment.		
A. Off-the-grid	B. With (brass) knobs on	
C. On tenterhooks 448 If I don't pass this exam, my chances of graduating on time are	D. In the pink	
- The doctor said if I don't take care of my health, my life will be		
A. Caught napping	B. Kept posted	
C. Passed over	D. Done for	
449 After a long and fulfilling career, he decided it was time to into a - He would to his room every evening, avoiding any social interaction.	well-deserved retirement.	
	. Make hay while the sun shines	
C. Shuffle off	D. Grapple with	
450 Finishing this project by the end of the week is α(n), but I think w		
- Preparing a five-course meal in under an hour is a(n) for even the bes	-	
A. Low ebb C. Dirty dog	B. Tall order D. Hen night	
451 Without any clues, his answer to the riddle was just a(n)	D. Helt hight	
- Launching the new product in that market with no prior market research felt like a(n)		
A. Shot in the dark	B. Water under the bridge	
C. Duck's back	D. Wrong end of the stick	
452. Successful people always seize an opportunity whenever it itself. A. Presents	B. Reveals	
C. Displays	D. Shows	
453. Many feel that the President is, whether by accident or, starting a		
A. Design	B. Motive	
C. Intent	D. Purpose	
454. Conflicting witness statements present a picture of the incident.		
A. Writhed	B. Confused	
C. Muddied 455. Tony's had that terrible pain in his eye since morning. I'm afraid some	D. Grained body must have got inside it and is	
causing discomfort.		
A. Outside	B. Foreign	
C. Exotic	D. External	
456. The neighborhood was dealing with a(n) of burglaries, leaving res		
A. Attack C. Assault	B. Plague D. Outbreak	
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457. It ___ me to see all this food going to waste.

A. Fusses C. Wounds	B. Grieves D. Tears					
458. After a such a of wins, it seems unfair to talk too much about the team's	weaknesses.					
A. Blast	B. Spree					
C. Blitz	D. Raid					
459. We neglected the fact that people have interests jointly as well as						
A. Solely	B. Severally					
C. Equally	D. Separately					

1C	2D	3B	4B	5C	6A	7B	8B	9D	10D
11A	12A	13D	14A	15D	16A	17B	18C	19D	20C
21C	22C	23B	24A	25A	26D	27B	28B	29D	30C
31B	32D	33C	34D	35A	36B	37D	38C	39C	40C
41D	42A	43C	44C	45B	46A	47A	48A	49C	50D
51A	52B	53A	54A	55D	56C	57C	58B	59D	60C
61A	62A	63C	64B	65D	66D	67B	68D	69B	70A
71D	72A	73B	74B	75A	76A	77C	78A	79B	80A
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431D	432B	433B	434A	435A	436C	437D	438C	439D	440D
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