

Fill the blanks with the collocations.

1. If you submit work late, you will lose marks and may even be given a fail grade, unless you have a _____ such as illness.
2. One travel company is now advertising a completely _____ in tourism: flights into outer space by rocket.
3. At the bottom of the ocean, the water remains at a _____ irrespective of changing weather conditions at the surface.
4. The growth of China will add a _____ to the economic and political situation in the Far East.
5. Students are expected not just to describe what they have done but also to _____ when they write a research report.
6. Investigators have been able to _____ between childhood illnesses and industrial pollution.
7. Following the demonstrations by thousands of students, there was a very _____ in the capital, with many choosing to leave the city and head for the countryside.
8. Unfortunately, although the _____ were very promising, the project failed in the long run because of a lack of interest.
9. Engineers have played a _____ in improving our health by giving us clean water supplies, perhaps more so than doctors.
10. The Managing Director may run the company, but _____ rests with the Board of Directors.
11. On the form, please give your name, nationality, address and indicate your _____.

12. When some scientists originally _____ known as global warming, the idea was not taken seriously, and yet today it is accepted by nearly everyone.

13. In some instances, a Court of Appeal may _____ reached at the first trial and released somebody who has been wrongly held in prison.

14. Most universities require international students to have an IELTS score of at least 6 as a _____ for English language competence.

Source: Check your vocabulary for academic English, David Porter, A & C Black, London, 2007.