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|  | 1. She relies .......... on her parents for financial support. | | | |
| 1. profusely | 1. amply | 1. heavily | 1. severely |
|  | 1. Not even losing all the time could .......... his enthusiasm for tennis. | | | |
| 1. recede | 1. dampen | 1. erode | 1. belittle |
|  | 1. If I were you, I wouldn’t .......... any importance to such a trivial incident. | | | |
| 1. put | 1. attach | 1. lay | 1. pay |
|  | 1. I wouldn’t .......... too much into her comments, I’m sure they were meant as a joke. | | | |
| 1. draw | 1. see | 1. take | 1. read |
|  | 1. The interests of her family .......... all other considerations for her. | | | |
| 1. outweigh | 1. monopolize | 1. overrun | 1. surpass |
|  | 1. Anne is rather childish and tends to .......... if she can’t have what she wants. | | | |
| 1. ponder | 1. sulk | 1. hush | 1. muse |
|  | 1. I wouldn’t like to .......... a guess as to how much this might cost. | | | |
| 1. speculate | 1. hazard | 1. advance | 1. envisage |
|  | 1. They worked for six .......... hours without a break. | | | |
| 1. constant | 1. incessant | 1. solid | 1. perpetual |
|  | 1. I couldn’t stop myself from .......... with boredom during the lecture. | | | |
| 1. sighing | 1. gasping | 1. panting | 1. blowing |
|  | 1. She didn’t show even a .......... of emotion when the court found her guilty. | | | |
| 1. gleam | 1. wink | 1. flicker | 1. flash |
|  | 1. The manager’s future .......... whether the team wins or loses this one game. | | | |
| 1. stems from | 1. counts on | 1. derives from | 1. rests on |
|  | 1. We’re not in a .......... hurry so let’s have another coffee. | | | |
| 1. dashing | 1. racing | 1. rushing | 1. tearing |
|  | 1. I bought them a gift as a .......... of thanks for all the help they had given me. | | | |
| 1. hint | 1. gesture | 1. signal | 1. symbol |
|  | 1. It was three days before the storm .......... and life began to return to normal. | | | |
| 1. abated | 1. dwindled | 1. slackened | 1. alleviated |
|  | 1. To forget her problems, she .......... herself with her work. | | | |
| 1. devoted | 1. occupied | 1. immersed | 1. dedicated |
|  | 1. Jane didn’t take .......... to your suggestion that she was mean with her money. | | | |
| 1. pleasantly | 1. kindly | 1. cheerfully | 1. agreeably |
|  | 1. I’m expecting to contact them by phone but .......... that, I’ll write to them. | | | |
| 1. leaving | 1. excluding | 1. omitting | 1. failing |
|  | 1. He .......... this city down so much that I don’t know why he doesn’t leave. | | | |
| 1. holds | 1. pulls | 1. talks | 1. runs |
|  | 1. He is held in high .......... by everyone who works with him | | | |
| 1. reputation | 1. respect | 1. regard | 1. renown |
|  | 1. We took such a great .......... to the place that we decided to go and live there. | | | |
| 1. affection | 1. fondness | 1. liking | 1. attraction |
|  | 1. Working there was good for me, .........I gained a lot of valuable experience . | | | |
| 1. as far as | 1. in that | 1. as for | 1. in terms of |
|  | 1. He was thrilled at living in a new country but the fascination soon .......... off. | | | |
| 1. faded | 1. wore | 1. died | 1. let |
|  | 1. As he accepted the award, his voice .......... with emotion. | | | |
| 1. quivered | 1. flinched | 1. cringed | 1. winced |
|  | 1. Mark did a two-year .......... in the army. | | | |
| 1. bout | 1. stint | 1. round | 1. spate |
|  | 1. I’ll have to call a .......... to this discussion, as we have a lot of work to do. | | | |
| 1. halt | 1. stoppage | 1. close | 1. standstill |

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|  | 1. The thieves took ……….when they heard a police car approaching. | | | |
| 1. retreat | 1. flight | 1. escape | 1. getaway |
|  | 1. They tried to ………. on their children the importance of a good education. | | | |
| 1. impress | 1. instil | 1. highlight | 1. underline |
|  | 1. Following a lengthy power ………. he became the Chairman of the company. | | | |
| 1. strife | 1. struggle | 1. rivalry | 1. confrontation |
|  | 1. He proved to be distinctly ………. to working in a position of responsibility. | | | |
| 1. incompatible | 1. inapt | 1. unfit | 1. unsuited |
|  | 1. When questioned by the press, the Minister ………. to discuss the matter. | | | |
| 1. rejected | 1. retracted | 1. declined | 1. denied |
|  | 1. There was little we could do ………. registering a formal complaint. | | | |
| 1. beyond | 1. further | 1. over | 1. beside |
|  | 1. Having never been in the country before, I was initially confused ………. the value of each coin. | | | |
| 1. as for | 1. as with | 1. as of | 1. as to |
|  | 1. He is a bad-tempered man who has a tendency to ………. his problems out on other people. | | | |
| 1. let | 1. put | 1. get | 1. take |
|  | 1. Tension is ………. throughout the film. | | | |
| 1. overrated | 1. exaggerated | 1. multiplied | 1. heightened |
|  | 1. These changes did little to ………. the unions. | | | |
| 1. allay | 1. deter | 1. soothe | 1. placate |
|  | 1. She seemed to be ………. to losing and didn’t make much effort. | | | |
| 1. acceptable | 1. resigned | 1. compromised | 1. content |
|  | 1. I’d like to start my own business, but I’m not sure how to ………. about it. | | | |
| 1. come | 1. bring | 1. go | 1. see |
|  | 1. She often appears not to care about her work, but appearances can be ………. | | | |
| 1. cunning | 1. deceitful | 1. deceptive | 1. insincere |
|  | 1. In ………. to them, it wasn’t their fault that the party went so badly. | | | |
| 1. fairness | 1. justice | 1. recognition | 1. sympathy |
|  | 1. Brian isn’t keen on exercice, but he isn’t ………. to the occasional walk. | | | |
| 1. averse | 1. unwilling | 1. reluctant | 1. contrary |
|  | 1. He has been with the company for 30 years, but they have now decided to ………. with his services. | | | |
| 1. discard | 1. dispense | 1. disuse | 1. dismiss |
|  | 1. Ruth is ………. to give up immediately when faced with any problem. | | | |
| 1. habitual | 1. subject | 1. susceptible | 1. apt |
|  | 1. The government is making every effort to ………. an economic crisis. | | | |
| 1. hinder | 1. avert | 1. impede | 1. swerve |
|  | 1. They have all these special offers to ………. people into buying things they don’t really want. | | | |
| 1. persuade | 1. convince | 1. sway | 1. tempt |
|  | 1. They should behave, for ………. of a better word, decently. | | | |
| 1. scarcity | 1. lack | 1. absence | 1. want |
|  | 1. Last year they had record sales and ………. all their competitors. | | | |
| 1. excelled | 1. outdid | 1. outweighed | 1. overdid |
|  | 1. He comes ………. to the voters as a trustworthy politician. | | | |
| 1. along | 1. up | 1. off | 1. over |
|  | 1. She couldn’t concentrate because her personal problems were ………. in her mind. | | | |
| 1. supreme | 1. principal | 1. uppermost | 1. superior |
|  | 1. I really ………. for her at what must be a very difficult time for her. | | | |
| 1. commiserate | 1. feel | 1. sympathize | 1. pity |
|  | 1. Experts are ………. into the causes of the accident. | | | |
| 1. inquiring | 1. seeking | 1. investigating | 1. exploring |

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|  | 1. She carried on talking, without even ………. in my direction. | | | | |
| 1. blinking | 1. squinting | 1. glancing | 1. glimpsing | |
|  | 1. She shows little ………. for the feelings of others and does exactly what she wants to. | | | | |
| A. sensitivity | B. regard | C. awareness | D. perception | |
|  | 1. Despite his ………. as a player, he has a successful career. | | | | |
| A. deficiencies | B. shortages | 1. disabilities | D. snags | |
|  | 1. I’m not ………. your version of events but I think that you have interpreted them wrongly. | | | | |
| A. disputing | B. disagreeing | 1. disapproving | 1. differing | |
|  | 1. It isn’t the funniest film I’ve ever seen but it is ………. amusing. | | | | |
| A. softly | B. modestly | C. mildly | D. barely | |
|  | 1. All the arguments between the staff don’t ………. a good atmosphere in the office. | | | | |
| A. make for | B. get at | C. head for | D. run into | |
|  | 1. We left early, in ………. of traffic jams on the way there. | | | | |
| A. forethought | B. foresight | C. prospect | D. anticipation | |
|  | 1. Before I agree to your suggestion, I’d like to know what I’m ………. myself in for. | | | | |
| A. taking | B. putting | C. getting | D. letting | |
|  | 1. She’s a good player and her chances of winning the tournament cannot be ………. | | | | |
| A. discounted | B. skipped | C. ejected | D. snubbed | |
|  | 1. What was it that ………. you to change career so suddenly? | | | | |
| A. moved | B. originated | C. resulted | D. drew | |
|  | 1. The crimes committed there are ………. incidents, not part of a widespread problem. | | | | |
| A. isolated | B. solitary | C. detached | D. unique | |
|  | 1. Here’s my address, and if you’re ever in my area, look me ………. . | | | | |
| A. out | B. round | C. on | D. up | |
|  | 1. George ………. to be an expert on the subject of international politics. | | | | |
| A. asserts | B. alleges | C. declares | D. professes | |
|  | 1. The conversation ended ………. when she got angry and put the phone down. | | | | |
| A. impulsively | B. briefly | C. shortly | D. abruptly | |
|  | 1. She has been taken to hospital suffering from a ………. disc. | | | | |
| A. torn | B. slipped | C. broken | D. sprained | |
|  | 1. From time to time he ………. himself to a weekend in a five-star hotel. | | | | |
| A. craves | B. indulges | C. benefits | D. treats | |
|  | 1. We welcome the new regulations, which become …… on the first of next month. | | | | |
| A. effective | B. efficient | C. efficacious | D. effete | |
|  | 1. In an act of defiance he raised a ………. fist at the speaker. | | | | |
| A. clenched | B. pressed | C. gripped | D. clasped | |
|  | 1. The leading actor lost his train of thought and ………. over his words in the final scene. | | | | |
| A. stammered | B. stuttered | C. spluttered | D. stumbled | |
|  | 1. I was kept awake for most of the night by the ………. of a mosquito in my ear. | | | | |
| A. whine | B. moan | C. groan | D. screech | |
|  | 1. If you would like to wait a moment, sir, I will just ………. your file on the computer screen. | | | | |
| A. call up | B. pull down | C. bring in | D. pick up | |
|  | 1. If John weren’t rich, he ………. his last holidays in Vegas. | | | | |
| A. would spend | B. wouldn’t spend | C. wouldn’t have spent | | D. will spend |
|  | 1. Next month TV and cinema star Paul Nicholas will be ………. as Aladdin at the Apollo Theatre. | | | | |
| A. casting | B. playing | C. acting | D. appearing | |
|  | 1. Before their restoration, parts of the medieval building were in a state of ………. . | | | | |
| A. debris | B. dilapidation | C. devastation | D. destruction | |
|  | 1. Two dead bodies were ………. from the wreckage after the bomb went off. | | | | |
| A. recovered | B. saved | C. salvaged | D. liberated | |

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|  | 1. As fog had closed the airport, they had to ………. the relief flight elsewhere. | | | |
| 1. distract | 1. divert | 1. deflect | 1. detract |
|  | 1. There was a(n) ………. of freshly baked bread coming from the field kitchens. | | | |
| 1. reek | 1. scent | 1. odour | 1. aroma |
|  | 1. During the rioting, several houses in the area had their windows ………. . | | | |
| 1. clinked | 1. banged | 1. crashed | 1. smashed |
|  | 1. Clarke surrounded the building, but the brothers had been forewarned and had ………. . | | | |
| 1. aborted | 1. absconded | 1. abolished | 1. abstracted |
|  | 1. Media reports on the outcome of military intervention often ………. the true facts. | | | |
| 1. divert | 1. detract | 1. depose | 1. distort |
|  | 1. He gave her a mischievous ………. as she handed him his order. | | | |
| 1. peer | 1. peep | 1. wink | 1. blink |
|  | 1. Despite their initial objections, we soon ………. them all playing football together. | | | |
| 1. made | 1. had | 1. organized | 1. persuaded |
|  | 1. I hope you won’t take it ………. if I suggest an alternative remedy. | | | |
| 1. offence | 1. amiss | 1. upset | 1. heart |
|  | 1. Claims for compensation could ………. run into billions of pounds. | | | |
| 1. far | 1. much | 1. well | 1. most |
|  | 1. Judging by the latest results, the team look ………. to return without a single medal. | | | |
| 1. doomed | 1. forecast | 1. convicted | 1. sentenced |
|  | 1. In the last century, it was widely ………. that Indian fakirs were capable of superhuman feats. | | | |
| 1. held | 1. grasped | 1. kept | 1. shaken |
|  | 1. The crowds ………. riot through the streets. | | | |
| 1. incited | 1. caused | 1. went | 1. ran |
|  | 1. A traveller looks down on anyone who seems to be a(n) ………. tourist. | | | |
| 1. only | 1. sole | 1. mere | 1. lone |
|  | 1. I’d like to buy that glass vase you have in the window- the one with the roses ………. on the side. | | | |
| 1. inscribed | 1. tattooed | 1. designed | 1. etched |
|  | 1. The child has a strong ………. of stubbornness when he doesn’t get his own way. | | | |
| 1. trait | 1. streak | 1. character | 1. mark |
|  | 1. Anna is a very nervous child and she’s very ………. of strangers. | | | |
| 1. terrified | 1. frightened | 1. petrified | 1. horrified |
|  | 1. By the time he had finished work and returned home, he was absolutely ……….. | | | |
| 1. exhausted | 1. tired | 1. weary | 1. weak |
|  | 1. All through his life he remained ………. resentful of having lost his job. | | | |
| 1. fully | 1. seriously | 1. completely | 1. bitterly |
|  | 1. The manager was very pleased with her last business trip, which had been a ………. success. | | | |
| 1. whole | 1. complete | 1. full | 1. high |
|  | 1. He decided to go ahead with the new business, although he was ………. aware of the risk. | | | |
| 1. most | 1. gravely | 1. seriously | 1. fully |
|  | 1. When morning came, the scene of where the bomb had fallen was one of utter ………. | | | |
| 1. disturbance | 1. damage | 1. disruption | 1. devastation |
|  | 1. The news of his sister’s death came as a(n) ………. shock to him. | | | |
| 1. utter | 1. entire | 1. extreme | 1. great |
|  | 1. The collapse of the silver market left him financially ………. . | | | |
| 1. desolate | 1. dejected | 1. destitute | 1. derelict |
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