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|  | 1. The hotel room was ………… furnished with only a bed, a wardrobe and an ancient armchair. | | | |
| 1. thinly | 1. sparsely | 1. lightly | 1. sketchily |
|  | 1. The wheels ………… as the car went over an icy patch. | | | |
| 1. skipped | 1. slid | 1. skidded | 1. slipped |
|  | 1. Don’t thank me for helping in the garden. It was ………… pleasure to be working out of doors. | | | |
| 1. plain | 1. mere | 1. simple | 1. sheer |
|  | 1. The company was declared bankrupt when it had ………… more debts than it could hope to repay. | | | |
| 1. inflicted | 1. incurred | 1. entailed | 1. evolved |
|  | 1. Apart from the ………… cough and cold, I’ve been remarkably healthy all my life. | | | |
| 1. odd | 1. opportune | 1. irregular | 1. timely |
|  | 1. The railway line has been closed for ten years and the station buildings are now sadly........ . | | | |
| 1. decrepit | 1. derelict | 1. decomposed | 1. discarded |
|  | 1. Members of the aristocracy don’t ………… a great deal of power nowadays. | | | |
| 1. practise | 1. wield | 1. sway | 1. manage |
|  | 1. Soldiers were warned that anyone caught ………… the shops in the deserted town would be severely punished. | | | |
| 1. stealing | 1. raiding | 1. embezzling | 1. looting |
|  | 1. We were all rather in awe ………… the new computers when they arrived. | | | |
| 1. about | 1. before | 1. by | 1. of |
|  | 1. The demonstrations ………… in one hundred students being arrested. | | | |
| 1. culminated | 1. erupted | 1. escalated | 1. concluded |
|  | 1. He lost his job ………… no fault of his own. | | | |
| 1. through | 1. by | 1. with | 1. over |
|  | 1. She was able to ………… my argument effectively by quoting actual statistics. | | | |
| 1. retaliate | 1. counter | 1. reciprocate | 1. confront |
|  | 1. She’s decided to ………… her German by attending an evening course. | | | |
| 1. brush up | 1. patch up | 1. polish off | 1. dust off |
|  | 1. A relief ………… has been set up to help earthquake victims. | | | |
| 1. fund | 1. donation | 1. treasury | 1. collection |
|  | 1. New consumer protection legislation comes into ………… next April. | | | |
| 1. law | 1. force | 1. statute | 1. act |
|  | 1. If the work-force respected you, you wouldn’t need to ………… your authority so often. | | | |
| 1. assert | 1. affirm | 1. maintain | 1. inflict |
|  | 1. Too many hotels have been built and this has …………down prices, making holidays cheaper. | | | |
| 1. forced | 1. cut | 1. slowed | 1. reduced |
|  | 1. Hardly ...... to the meeting. | | | |
| 1. came 20 people | 1. had 20 people come | 1. 20 people came | 1. did 20 people come |
|  | 1. My sunburnt nose made me feel rather ………… for the first few days of the holiday. | | | |
| 1. self-effacing | 1. self-centred | 1. self-conscious | 1. self-evident |
|  | 1. The peace of the public library was ………… by the sound of a transistor radio. | | | |
| 1. smashed | 1. fractured | 1. demolished | 1. shattered |
|  | 1. In many places in Wales we found that place-names in English had been ………… with green paint. | | | |
| 1. suppressed | 1. disguised | 1. obliterated | 1. destroyed |
|  | 1. The radio receiver was ………… regular messages. | | | |
| 1. giving over | 1. giving off | 1. giving out | 1. giving up |
|  | 1. It’s the third time she’s been skating this week. She .... really enjoy it. | | | |
| 1. should | 1. must | 1. ought to | 1. had better |
|  | 1. The smoke ………… from the burning tyres could be seen for miles. | | | |
| 1. bulging | 1. radiating | 1. billowing | 1. sweeping |
|  | 1. I utterly …………your argument. In my opinion, you have distorted the facts. | | | |
| 1. confound | 1. dispute | 1. decline | 1. refute |

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|  | 1. The villa has excellent ………… for cooking and for washing clothes. | | | |
| 1. facilities | 1. amenities | 1. utilities | 1. conveniences |
|  | 1. There is a feature of dialect …………to Bristol by which an ’I’ is added to the ends of some words. | | | |
| 1. original | 1. peculiar | 1. particular | 1. proper |
|  | 1. I will keep your application ………… file for the time being. | | | |
| 1. in | 1. with | 1. on | 1. at |
|  | 1. She is one of the kindest people .... . | | | |
| 1. of who I knof the kindest people .... .lly enjoy it.t university.was swollen byow | 1. that I know | 1. who I know | 1. which I know |
|  | 1. The little boy was continually ………… the ornaments. | | | |
| 1. tripping up | 1. falling down | 1. breaking up | 1. knocking over |
|  | 1. A statement will be made after the police have finished ………… the evidence. | | | |
| 1. straining | 1. sifting | 1. shredding | 1. sieving |
|  | 1. Anticipating renewed rioting, the authorities erected …………to block off certain streets. | | | |
| 1. barrages | 1. barricades | 1. ditches | 1. dykes |
|  | 1. When he had finished the apple he threw the ………… into the bin. | | | |
| 1. heart | 1. pith | 1. core | 1. kernel |
|  | 1. You should be grateful to have opportunities which were ………… to me at your age. | | | |
| 1. refuse | 1. declined | 1. denied | 1. restricted |
|  | 1. Two months is ………… time to allow for the job to be completed. | | | |
| 1. profuse | 1. protracted | 1. ample | 1. extensive |
|  | 1. If you ………… in arriving late, I shall have to report you to the Manager. | | | |
| 1. persist | 1. persevere | 1. insist | 1. prevail |
|  | 1. I’m not by ………… a particularly ambitious man. | | | |
| 1. inclination | 1. habit | 1. character | 1. tendency |
|  | 1. If you reprimand him, he’ll probably ………… by behaving even worse in future. | | | |
| 1. retort | 1. resist | 1. recompense | 1. retaliate |
|  | 1. After the church service, several people ………… outside to chat. | | | |
| 1. loitered | 1. lagged | 1. lingered | 1. lapsed |
|  | 1. I’m afraid I had to have ………… to a dictionary in order to complete the translation. | | | |
| 1. application | 1. avail | 1. resort | 1. recourse |
|  | 1. I was in no way prepared for the ………… of criticism my play received. | | | |
| 1. onslaught | 1. onset | 1. offensive | 1. assault |
|  | 1. The professor's ………… theory is that singing preceded speech. | | | |
| 1. preferable | 1. pet | 1. fond | 1. fancied |
|  | 1. I think you’ll find that the inconvenience of the diet is ………… by the benefits. | | | |
| 1. outranked | 1. overthrown | 1. overbalanced | 1. outweighed |
|  | 1. We started off walking ………… but had slowed to a snail’s pace after an hour. | | | |
| 1. heartily | 1. briskly | 1. sharply | 1. crisply |
|  | 1. We might just as well have stayed at home ………… the enjoyment we had. | | | |
| 1. on account of | 1. as far as | 1. for all | 1. concerning |
|  | 1. Don’ stick your elbows out when you eat, ………… them in by your sides. | | | |
| 1. tuck | 1. bend | 1. place | 1. turn |
|  | 1. There’s no point in ………… about all day. Cheer up and try to find a new job! | | | |
| 1. moping | 1. mourning | 1. brooding | 1. sulking |
|  | 1. He was so ………… in answer to my questions that I knew he had something to hide. | | | |
| 1. effusive | 1. elusive | 1. allusive | 1. evasive |
|  | 1. He looks much older. His financial worries seem to have taken a terrible ………… on his health. | | | |
| 1. burden | b. toll | c. strain | d. tax |

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|  | 1. Whenever he had an important decision to make, he ……. a cigar, supposedly to calm his nerves! | | | | |
| 1. would light | 1. had lit | 1. would have lit | 1. ‘d be lighting | |
|  | 1. If you ………… too much of your energy on the climb, you’ll have none left for the descent. | | | | |
| A. spend | 1. lose | 1. expend | 1. invest | |
|  | 1. I’ve got such a ………… headache that I can’t concentrate on the lecture. | | | | |
| A. beating | B. drumming | 1. hammering | D. throbbing | |
|  | 1. The rules are clearly stated and admit ………… no confusion. | | | | |
| A. to | B. for | 1. of | 1. from | |
|  | 1. I’ve tried ………… with the controls but I still can’t get a picture on the screen. | | | | |
| A. fidgeting | B. adjusting | C. fiddling | D. tampering | |
|  | 1. The tent was very complicated to erect but simple enough to ………… . | | | | |
| A. dismantle | B. dismount | C. disconnect | D. detach | |
|  | 1. Eventually he …. up the courage to ask for a pay rise. | | | | |
| A. grabbed | B. grasped | C. plucked | D. snatched | |
|  | 1. His football career ………… to an abrupt halt after he was injured. | | | | |
| A. went | B. came | C. brought | D. dropped | |
|  | 1. Children who are praised for their work are always ………… on to do better. | | | | |
| A. encouraged | B. approved | C. inspired | D. spurred | |
|  | 1. Traffic is being ………… from the High Street while the water main is under repair. | | | | |
| A. averted | B. perverted | C. diverted | D. subverted | |
|  | 1. If he hadn’t shown such a …………disregard for company regulations by smoking while on duty, he wouldn’t have been dismissed. | | | | |
| A. callous | B. blatant | C. dire | D. abject | |
|  | 1. Protests died down when they realised that the new tax ………… to only 50p a week. | | | | |
| A. added | B. reached | C. approached | D. amounted | |
|  | 1. All the ………… from the jumble sale will be given to charity. | | | | |
| A. expenses | B. income | C. proceeds | D. rewards | |
|  | 1. I wrote to them a fortnight ago but …… I haven ‘t had a reply . | | | | |
| A. these days | B. as yet | C. so long | D. just now | |
|  | 1. I’d say let’s meet on Saturday but I’m none ………… sure what’s happening at the weekend. | | | | |
| A. so | B. very | C. that | D. too | |
|  | 1. When I left the office I was ………… with indignation at the treatment I had received. | | | | |
| A. seething | B. overflowing | C. stewing | D. spinning | |
|  | 1. He thought that if he admitted he was afraid of swimming he would lose ………… with his friends. | | | | |
| A. weight | B. nerve | C. face | D. regard | |
|  | 1. When the truth about the blackmail attempt finally …………,we were all astonished to hear who the culprit was. | | | | |
| A. evolved | B. emerged | C. arose | D. issued | |
|  | 1. I took a course in shorthand and typing with a(n) ………… to applying for a secretarial job. | | | | |
| A. intention | B. project | C. view | D. purpose | |
|  | 1. He spoke a few ………… words in French and was applauded loudly. | | | | |
| A. stumbling | B. limping | C. fumbling | D. hobbling | |
|  | 1. He was a most effective speaker and his audience seemed to ………… on his every word. | | | | |
| A. catch | B. hold | C. hang | | D. cling |
|  | 1. Numbers in the Latin evening class have ………… rather badly. We may have to close it. | | | | |
| A. dwindled | B. deteriorated | C. reduced | D. lessened | |
|  | 1. I don’t take ………… to being disobeyed. That’s a warning! | | | | |
| A. well | B. kindly | C. gently | D. nicely | |
|  | 1. She was on her …… throughout the interview because she didn’t want to say anything stupid. | | | | |
| A. defence | B. lookout | C. guard | D. caution | |

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|  | 1. He kept ………… him on the shoulder with his finger whenever he wanted to make a point. | | | | |
| 1. prodding | 1. slapping | 1. pelting | | 1. pinching |
|  | 1. We caught a momentary ………… of Prince Charles as his car drove past. | | | | |
| 1. glance | 1. glimpse | 1. peep | | 1. view |
|  | 1. When I ………… promised to put you up, I didn’t expect you to stay for a month! | | | | |
| 1. wildly | 1. rashly | 1. recklessly | | 1. riskily |
|  | 1. I’d give my job ………… if only I could find a better one. | | | | |
| 1. on the spur of the moment | 1. at the drop of a hat | | 1. on the dot | 1. at one drop |
|  | 1. No-one appreciated his work during his lifetime, but ………… it is clear that he was a great artist. | | | | |
| 1. in the aftermath | 1. by the time | 1. in retrospect | | 1. in this eventuality |
|  | 1. We went to the end of the street together and then we …….company. | | | | |
| 1. broke | 1. separated | 1. split | | 1. parted |
|  | 1. I can’t think why the police have detained him. There isn’t a ………… of evidence against him. | | | | |
| 1. speck | 1. scrap | 1. drop | | 1. thread |
|  | 1. Although they had suffered heavy losses, the commanders refused to ………… defeat. | | | | |
| 1. grant | 1. assent | 1. concede | | 1. acquiesce |
|  | 1. It was obvious that his …… intention was to cause an argument. | | | | |
| 1. pure | 1. sole | 1. sheer | | 1. mere |
|  | 1. His jokes seemed to ……… very well with his audience, if their laughter was any indication. | | | | |
| 1. go off | 1. go down | 1. go along | | 1. go by |
|  | 1. Even ………… for inflation he thought it was a good investment. | | | | |
| 1. considering | 1. taking account | 1. allowing | | 1. calculating |
|  | 1. Having been a foreign correspondent all his working life, he’s a ………… traveller. | | | | |
| 1. veteran | 1. vintage | 1. customary | | 1. antiquated |
|  | 1. There was a storm ………… I had never experienced again. | | | | |
| 1. such as | 1. as which | 1. with which | | 1. for such |
|  | 1. I think my fear of spiders must ………… from a horror film which I saw as a child. | | | | |
| 1. lead | 1. rise | 1. start | | 1. stem |
|  | 1. My hopes of becoming a lawyer ………… when I failed my ‘A’ levels. | | | | |
| 1. cracked | 1. crumbled | 1. crashed | | 1. smashed |
|  | 1. I should like to point out that two months have ………… since you promised to come and repair my washing machine. | | | | |
| 1. expired | 1. lapsed | 1. transpired | | 1. elapsed |
|  | 1. Since we had only one day left, we decided to make an ……... effort to finish the run in record time. | | | | |
| 1. all-in | 1. all-out | 1. overall | | 1. all-round |
|  | 1. My job is so enjoyable and generously paid that I have little ……….. to look for promotion elsewhere. | | | | |
| 1. incitement | 1. influence | 1. incentive | | 1. instigation |
|  | 1. What on earth made you risk your life and ………… driving that fast? | | | | |
| 1. limb | 1. liberty | 1. death | | 1. health |
|  | 1. You look so much like someone I knew years ago-it’s quite ………… . | | | | |
| 1. unlikely | 1. uncanny | 1. unspeakable | | 1. unnatural |
|  | 1. I think we can ………… with the usual formalities since we all know each other already. | | | | |
| 1. dispatch | 1. dispose | 1. discharge | | 1. dispense |
|  | 1. Tie that suitcase securely onto the roof if you don’t want it to …… adrift half way down the motorway! | | | | |
| A. fall | B. come | C. fly | | D. get |
|  | 1. If you wait a moment, there’ll be another ………… of loaves, fresh from the oven. | | | | |
| A. batch | B. collection | C. bunch | | D. bundle |