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|  | 1. The problem ………… because neither side was prepared to compromise. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. amassed | | | 1. escalated | | | | 1. proliferated | | | | 1. enhanced | | | | |
|  | 1. ………… he caught his plane; he hasn’t phoned to say anything went wrong. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Presumably | | | 1. Supposedly | | | | 1. Assuming | | | | 1. Granted | | | | |
|  | 1. It never ………… my mind that such a terrible thing would happen. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. struck | | | 1. dawned | | | | 1. occurred | | | | 1. entered | | | | |
|  | 1. By the ………… of it, the economy will improve over the next few months. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. face | | | 1. impression | | | | 1. evidence | | | | 1. looks | | | | |
|  | 1. She ………… disputed his version of what had happened. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hotly | | | 1. intensely | | | | 1. harshly | | | | 1. acutely | | | | |
|  | 1. Rose has always had a ………… interest in matters to do with the environment. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fierce | | | 1. sharp | | | | 1. grave | | | | 1. keen | | | | |
|  | 1. In the ………… of the demand for tickets, it has been decided that an extra performance will be staged. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. view | | | 1. light | | | | 1. consideration | | | | 1. grounds | | | | |
|  | 1. Afterwards, when I ………… on the events of that day, I could hardly believe what had happened. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. contemplated | | | 1. reviewed | | | | 1. reflected | | | | 1. weighed | | | | |
|  | 1. When I first came to this country, I only ………… staying for a short time. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. predicted | | | 1. envisaged | | | | 1. forecast | | | | 1. supposed | | | | |
|  | 1. His personal problems seem to have been ………… him from his work lately. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. disrupting | | | 1. disturbing | | | | 1. distracting | | | | 1. dispersing | | | | |
|  | 1. Losses have forced the company to ………… 1,000 of its workers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. lay off | | | 1. take away | | | | 1. set apart | | | | 1. lose out | | | | |
|  | 1. Some of the company’s working methods are ………… on those used in the USA. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. moulded | | | 1. modelled | | | | 1. adapted | | | | 1. borrowed | | | | |
|  | 1. I can’t ………… of any circumstances in which I would behave so dishonestly. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. visualise | | | 1. dream | | | | 1. picture | | | | 1. conceive | | | | |
|  | 1. Since they had stopped serving meals, we had to ………… ourselves with sandwiches and coffee. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. settle | | | 1. please | | | | 1. thank | | | | 1. content | | | | |
|  | 1. I was astonished that he turned down the job - I ………… it would have been ideal for him. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. have thought | | | 1. would have thought | | | | 1. am thinking | | | | 1. had been thinking | | | | |
|  | 1. My sister’s confidence in her ability to play the piano was badly ………… by her last music teacher. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. subsided | | | 1. weakened | | | | 1. undermined | | | | 1. loosened | | | | |
|  | 1. Now’s a ………… time to tell me you’re going out this evening – I’ve spent the whole day preparing supper for you. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. suitable | | | 1. reasonable | | | | 1. right | | | | 1. fine | | | | |
|  | 1. We may win, we may lose - it’s just the ………… of the draw! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. strike | | | 1. odds | | | | 1. chance | | | | 1. luck | | | | |
|  | 1. In the Middle Ages, women who were found guilty of ………… were sometimes burned at the stake. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. wizardry | | | 1. magic | | | | 1. conjuring | | | | 1. witchcraft | | | | |
|  | 1. According to the opinion polls, over 20% of voters in the ………… General Election have yet to make up their minds. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. forthcoming | | | 1. future | | | | 1. impending | | | | 1. incumbent | | | | |
|  | 1. They live in a very ………… populated area of Italy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hardly | | | 1. barely | | | | 1. sparsely | | | | 1. scarcely | | | | |
|  | 1. Mary’s having a terrible time at work because she absolutely ………… her boss. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. dislikes | | | 1. mistrusts | | | | 1. loathes | | | | 1. resents | | | | |
|  | 1. It is just as well you didn’t put your money in that company, because it would have been an absolute ………… if you had. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. mistake | | | 1. error | | | | 1. miscalculation | | | | 1. catastrophe | | | | |
|  | 1. As he walked along the landing, he ………… himself in the mirror at the top of the stairs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. glimpsed | | | 1. gazed | | | | 1. glared | | | | 1. glanced | | | | |
|  | 1. However good Schoenberg ………… have been, I still find his modern music very difficult to appreciate. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. could | | | 1. may | | | | 1. should | | | | 1. would | | | | |
|  | 1. Everyone knows what happens if you give a full bottle of coke a vigorous ………… and then unscrew the top. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shake | | | 1. stir | | | | 1. rattle | | | | 1. wobble | | | | | |
|  | 1. Fashion may designate innovations in dress that are more ………… than simple fads. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. eternal | | | 1. perpetual | | | | 1. enduring | | | | 1. continuing | | | | | |
|  | 1. The accident caused a tailback of seven miles, with traffic ………… along at a snail’s pace. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hobbling | | | 1. limping | | | | 1. fumbling | | | | 1. crawling | | | | | |
|  | 1. It may be difficult for three generations to ………… in one household. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. coexist | | | 1. conform | | | | 1. connive | | | | 1. coalesce | | | | | |
|  | 1. If you want to become fluent in a language then it is important to have a good ………… of the basic grammar. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. clasp | | | 1. hold | | | | 1. grip | | | | 1. grasp | | | | | |
|  | 1. The ancient town was a ………… of narrow, wondering streets. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. maze | | | 1. collection | | | | 1. model | | | | 1. mixture | | | | | |
|  | 1. If you don’t make a move soon you’ll find yourself stuck in a ………… and you’ll never get anywhere. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. trough | | | 1. hole | | | | 1. groove | | | | 1. rut | | | | | |
|  | 1. This spray is suitable for dealing with all garden ………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pests | | | 1. plagues | | | | 1. outbreaks | | | | 1. swarms | | | | | |
|  | 1. I still have three more ………… to pay on my motorbike. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shares | | | 1. donations | | | | 1. instalments | | | | 1. contributions | | | | | |
|  | 1. When I gave her the present, my mother ………… with satisfaction. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. beamed | | | 1. grinned | | | | 1. giggled | | | | 1. guffawed | | | | | |
|  | 1. Some people ………… still believe that the earth is flat | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. surely | | | 1. realistically | | | | 1. actually | | | | 1. truthfully | | | | | |
|  | 1. Tony was ………… the page, looking for his name in print. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. scanning | | | 1. viewing | | | | 1. noticing | | | | 1. gazing | | | | | |
|  | 1. I’m sorry to ………… but did you happen to mention the name “Fiona”? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. butt in | | | 1. cut you | | | | 1. intercede | | | | 1. jump | | | | | |
|  | 1. Harry ………… down behind the desk, trying to hide. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hopped | | | 1. crept | | | | 1. crouched | | | | 1. reclined | | | | | |
|  | 1. You can talk to him until you’re ………… in the face, but he still won’t understand. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. blue | | | 1. black | | | | 1. white | | | | 1. pink | | | | | |
|  | 1. I’ve got just enough time for a word with you, as long as you make it ………… and snappy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. brief | | | 1. short | | | | 1. curt | | | | 1. sharp | | | | | |
|  | 1. It’s ………… he was trying to tell us something. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. as if | | | 1. even | | | | 1. how | | | | 1. though | | | | | |
|  | 1. ………… for John’s opposition, we would have agreed to the contract. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Be it not | | | 1. Would it not have been | | | | 1. Should it not have been | | | | 1. Had it not been | | | | | |
|  | 1. ………… no one understood what was happening. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Hardly | | | 1. Practically | | | | 1. Scarcely | | | | 1. Nearly | | | | | |
|  | 1. Two or three drops of blood ………… slowly down his arm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. spread | | | 1. flowed | | | | 1. trickled | | | | 1. straggled | | | | | |
|  | 1. The state of the economy is of ………… concern to the government. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. solemn | | | 1. heavy | | | | 1. hard | | | | 1. grave | | | | | |
|  | 1. Despite being asked three times, she was so ………… in her book, she didn’t hear. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. engrossed | | | 1. preoccupied | | | | 1. distracted | | | | 1. sunk | | | | | |
|  | 1. The audience sat there open-mouthed, with not a ………… to be heard anywhere in the theatre. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. mutter | | | 1. hum | | | | 1. murmur | | | | 1. mumble | | | | | |
|  | | 1. It is unlikely that the Board will have a change of ………… about the redundancies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. heart | 1. mind | | | | | | 1. opinion | | | | 1. idea | | | | | |
|  | | 1. The lecture was rather boring, but the ………… discussion proved fruitful. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. latter | 1. subsequent | | | | | | 1. consecutive | | | | 1. successive | | | | | |
|  | | 1. She can’t be interested in the lessons, ………… that she always arrives late. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. viewing | | | 1. noting | | | | | 1. seeing | | | | 1. judging | | | | |
|  | | 1. He was completely ………… by her tale of hardship. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. taken away | | | 1. taken down | | | | | 1. taken in | | | | 1. taken up | | | | |
|  | | 1. He lost his job ………… no fault of his own. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. by | | | 1. with | | | | | 1. over | | | | 1. through | | | | |
|  | | 1. After his accident, he was distressed to find that he was ………… of hearing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. difficult | | | 1. without | | | | | 1. hard | | | | 1. bad | | | | |
|  | | 1. ………… was the effect more powerfully felt than in the suburbs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Nowhere | | | 1. Somewhere | | | | | 1. Anywhere | | | | 1. Everywhere | | | | |
|  | | 1. I cannot ………… the way he sniffs all the time. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. support | | | 1. bear | | | | | 1. maintain | | | | 1. sustain | | | | |
|  | | 1. The operation was doomed to failure from the word ………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. go | | | 1. start | | | | | 1. begin | | | | 1. now | | | | |
|  | | 1. Sales of toys tend to fall ………… after Christmas. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. off | | | 1. down | | | | | 1. through | | | | 1. out | | | | |
|  | | 1. The man was released on bail ………… his trial the following month. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. awaiting | | | 1. pending | | | | | 1. biding | | | | 1. anticipating | | | | |
|  | | 1. The choice of ………… can make or break a new product. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. packaging | | | 1. wrapping | | | | | 1. packing | | | | 1. padding | | | | |
|  | | 1. After a long and arduous day, the producer was at the end of her ………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. limit | | | 1. line | | | | | 1. rope | | | | 1. tether | | | | |
|  | | 1. The film was very cheap to make – it was shot on a ………… budget. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shoestring | | | 1. wafer-thin | | | | | 1. low-cost | | | | 1. reduced-cost | | | | |
|  | | 1. The students all managed to complete the task without ………… effort. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. unseemly | | | 1. little | | | | | 1. less | | | | 1. undue | | | | |
|  | | 1. It can be difficult for parents to ………… control over unruly children. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. extend | | | 1. extort | | | | | 1. extract | | | | 1. exert | | | | |
|  | | 1. It’s no ………… trying to tell him. He never listens. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. point | | | 1. worth | | | | | 1. use | | | | 1. reason | | | | |
|  | | 1. The programme turned the ………… on the problems facing the homeless in our cities. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. floodlight | | | 1. spotlight | | | | | 1. limelight | | | | 1. searchlight | | | | |
|  | | 1. The decision ………… feelings among the villagers which did not go away for many years. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. arose | | | 1. raised | | | | | 1. aroused | | | | 1. rose | | | | |
|  | | 1. It is inevitable that people who have ………… information about share prices will use it to their advantage. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. inner | | | 1. interior | | | | | 1. internal | | | | 1. inside | | | | |
|  | | 1. Beatlemania was at its ………… during the early 60s. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. top | | | 1. summit | | | | | 1. height | | | | 1. apex | | | | |
|  | | 1. It’s high time the people of this country ………… up for their rights. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. should stand | | | 1. stand | | | | | 1. stood | | | | 1. were standing | | | | |
|  | | 1. They seemed to be ………… to the criticism and just carried on as before. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. disinterested | | | 1. indifferent | | | | | 1. uninterested | | | | 1. uncaring | | | | |
|  | | 1. The development of technology has ………… to the increase in unemployment. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. contributed | | | 1. resulted | | | | | 1. influenced | | | | 1. donated | | | | |
|  | | 1. While clearing out the attic, he came ………… an old photo of himself as a boy scout. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. across | | | 1. at | | | | | 1. along | | | | 1. by | | | | |
|  | | 1. The programme on TV made her so angry that she felt like ………… the presenter. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. clutching | | | | 1. hugging | | | | 1. grasping | | | | | 1. strangling | | | | |
|  | | 1. ………… the situation to worsen, troops would have to be called in. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Should | | | | 1. If | | | | 1. Were | | | | | 1. Did | | | | |
|  | | 1. The tree fell in the gale, just missing the Prime Minister’s car. It was a ………… shave. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. near | | | | | 1. close | | | | 1. lucky | | | | | 1. narrow | | | |
|  | | 1. It may not be a good idea to tell John how much you paid for the tickets. Money is a bit of a sore ………… with him at the moment. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. subject | | | | | 1. matter | | | | 1. point | | | | | 1. topic | | | |
|  | | 1. We should listen to both sides before we jump to ………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. decisions | | | | | 1. opinions | | | | 1. positions | | | | | 1. conclusions | | | |
|  | | 1. There was no alternative ………… wait until rescue came. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. but for | | | | | 1. but to | | | | 1. than to | | | | | 1. than | | | |
|  | | 1. She was very ………… with the service she received from the local garage. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. unsatisfied | | | | | 1. unfulfilled | | | | 1. dissatisfied | | | | | 1. disapproving | | | |
|  | | 1. He found that being a single parent tied him …………: he was no longer able to go out when he wanted to. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. up | | | | | 1. down | | | | 1. in | | | | | 1. under | | | |
|  | | 1. They ………… on seeing the job through to the end. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. persisted | | | | | 1. determined | | | | 1. insisted | | | | | 1. decided | | | |
|  | | 1. Selling arms, legally or illegally, is a ………… business. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. beneficial | | | | | 1. gainful | | | | 1. lucrative | | | | | 1. remunerated | | | |
|  | | 1. The doctor was unable to go away for the weekend because she was ………… call. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. at | | | | | 1. by | | | | 1. in | | | | | 1. on | | | |
|  | | 1. She was prepared to do a lot for him, but she ………… the line at cleaning his shoes. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. held | | | | | 1. drew | | | | 1. put | | | | | 1. stated | | | |
|  | | 1. She picked up the cup and the handle came ………… in her hand. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. apart | | | | | 1. out | | | | 1. separate | | | | | 1. away | | | |
|  | | 1. I’m sorry I frightened you. I meant no ………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. harm | | | | | 1. danger | | | | 1. threat | | | | | 1. attack | | | |
|  | | 1. ………… his invaluable work, the project would never have succeeded. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. For all | | | | | 1. In view of | | | | 1. But for | | | | | 1. Provided with | | | |
|  | | 1. The bottle ………… away on the water, destined to land who knows where. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. glided | | | | | 1. flowed | | | | 1. slipped | | | | | 1. floated | | | |
|  | | 1. He was very isolated and had no-one to turn ………… when he needed help. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. round | | | | | 1. to | | | | 1. over | | | | | 1. on | | | |
|  | | 1. He chose to ………… family life for the sake of his career. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. flunk | | | | | 1. fail | | | | 1. sacrifice | | | | | 1. surrender | | | |
|  | | 1. I am not against the plan at all; …………, I think it’s marvellous. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. on the contrary | | | | | 1. on the other hand | | | | 1. in contrast | | | | | 1. nevertheless | | | |
|  | | 1. He’s a very distinguished writer in the ………… of ancient history. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. area | | | | | 1. place | | | | 1. field | | | | | 1. section | | | |
|  | | 1. Let’s have a break – we’re done for the time ………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. being | | | | | 1. now | | | | 1. instant | | | | | 1. immediate | | | |
|  | | 1. He took to his studies like a ………… to water. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fish | | | | | 1. crab | | | | 1. duck | | | | | 1. swan | | | |
|  | | 1. It is important for international business executives to have ………… with other cultures. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. empathy | | | | | 1. comprehension | | | | 1. knowledge | | | | | 1. feeling | | | |
|  | | 1. The teacher read a story to the class to ………… time until the end of the lesson. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. make | | | | | 1. mark | | | | 1. kill | | | | | 1. save | | | |
|  | | 1. The report on the accident was found to be a ………… of lies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. bundle | | | | | 1. pack | | | | 1. pile | | | | | 1. collection | | | |
|  | | 1. We just decided to have the party on the ………… of the moment. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. heat | | | | | 1. tip | | | | 1. spur | | | | | 1. flash | | | |
|  | | 1. That actor seems ………… on making as much money as he can. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. involved | | | | | 1. interested | | | | 1. insisted | | | | | 1. intent | | | |