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|  | 1. She was determined not to ……………… her feelings. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. boast | | | 1. disclose | | | | | 1. surface | | | | 1. engage | | |
|  | 1. Peter makes allowances for his daughter’s youthful ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. seriousness | | | 1. frivolity | | | | | 1. diligence | | | | 1. senility | | |
|  | 1. He ……………… up the steep hill to get a better view. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. clambered | | | 1. skipped | | | | | 1. hopped | | | | 1. galloped | | |
|  | 1. She asked me to ……………… her sincere thanks to you for what you have done. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. report | | | 1. extend | | | | | 1. transfer | | | | 1. confide | | |
|  | 1. During the business ……………… of the eighties, many new houses were built in Docklands. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. rise | | | 1. surge | | | | | 1. boom | | | | 1. bonanza | | |
|  | 1. The BBC has ……………… a young composer to write a piece of music for the Corporation’s centenary. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ordered | | | 1. consulted | | | | | 1. commissioned | | | | 1. decided | | |
|  | 1. If the door is jammed, there’s no point in trying to force it open. You’ll probably ……………… the handle off! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. gouge | | | 1. wrench | | | | | 1. pluck | | | | 1. drag | | |
|  | 1. The restaurant is popular with films stars and ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. like | | | 1. same | | | | | 1. similar | | | | 1. such | | |
|  | 1. He got a two year ……………… to pursue his studies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. deferential | | | 1. deferment | | | | | 1. deference | | | | 1. detrimental | | |
|  | 1. The council decided to demolish the ……………… house because it was an eyesore. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ramshackle | | | 1. awe-inspiring | | | | | 1. stately | | | | 1. destitute | | |
|  | 1. MR. Rankine is just the ……………… head of the company. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. topical | | | 1. actual | | | | | 1. eventual | | | | 1. nominal | | |
|  | 1. His English was roughly ……………… with my Greek, so communication was rather difficult! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. level | | | 1. on a par | | | | | 1. equal | | | | 1. in tune | | |
|  | 1. The lawyer ……………… his belief in his client’s innocence. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. deluded | | | 1. aspired | | | | | 1. alleged | | | | 1. asserted | | |
|  | 1. A good teacher should ……………… the weaknesses of his students and deal with them. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pinpoint | | | 1. advocate | | | | | 1. confine | | | | 1. dissolve | | |
|  | 1. The house was reduced to ……………… after being demolished. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. rabble | | | 1. rubble | | | | | 1. pebble | | | | 1. raffle | | |
|  | 1. We managed to ……………… the last economic depression by cutting down our workforce. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. weather | | | 1. surmount | | | | | 1. override | | | | 1. float | | |
|  | 1. It is essential to be on the ……………… for any signs of movement in the undergrowth since there are poisonous snakes in the area. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. guard | | | 1. care | | | | | 1. alarm | | | | 1. alert | | |
|  | 1. In order to explore the city ………………, I left my luggage at the station. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. unladen | | | 1. unencumbered | | | | | 1. undeterred | | | | 1. unrestrained | | |
|  | 1. He left the meeting early on the unlikely ……………… that he had a sick friend to visit. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. claim | | | 1. excuse | | | | | 1. pretext | | | | 1. motive | | |
|  | 1. Paul gulped down his drink so fast that he began to ……………… on it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. choke | | | 1. swallow | | | | | 1. gurgle | | | | 1. sip | | |
|  | | | 1. It is not easy to make friends with him, he keeps a ……………… between himself and other people. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. barrier | | 1. barricade | | | | | 1. border | | 1. boundary | | | |
|  | | | 1. ‘What’s that awful noise?’ ‘It’s only the dog ……………… on a bone.’ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. nibbling | | 1. teething | | | | | 1. gulping | | 1. gnawing | | | |
|  | | | 1. I had a good chance of getting the job but I’m afraid I ……………… the interview by saying all the wrong things. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fumbled | | | | | 1. gambled | | | 1. bungled | | | | 1. stumbled |
|  | | | 1. I’m hopeless at making decisions. I even ……………… for ages over which toothpaste to buy. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. totter | | | | | 1. dodder | | | 1. dither | | | 1. falter | |
|  | | | 1. The inspector reported that office staff were rather ……………… to their attention in security. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. lenient | | | | | 1. lax | | | 1. loose | | | 1. limp | |
|  | | 1. You’ve done more of the work than I have recently so I’ll give up my day off in order to ……………… the balance. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. redress | | 1. compensate | | | | | 1. offset | | | | | 1. repair | |
|  | | 1. The introduction of diesel engines sadly made the old steam trains ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. archaic | | | | | 1. extinct | | | | 1. derelict | | | 1. obsolete | |
|  | | 1. My decision to leave university after a year is one I now ……………… regret. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. painfully | | | | 1. bitterly | | | | | 1. harshly | | | 1. keenly | |
|  | | 1. The fire quickly ……………… the dry wooden buildings. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. squashed | | | | | 1. consumed | | | | 1. extinguished | | | 1. dissolve | |
|  | | 1. She was leading a ……………… existence in the village. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. drab | | | | | 1. dizzy | | | | 1. droopy | | | 1. distorted | |
|  | | 1. Once the air warms up, the snow should start to ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. dissolve | | | | | 1. defrost | | | | 1. liquefy | | | 1. thaw | |
|  | | 1. The government has introduced ……………… new currency controls which will make it difficult to holiday abroad. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. striking | | | | | 1. extreme | | | | 1. strong | | | 1. stringent | |
|  | | 1. Let’s hope that the New Year will ……………… in a period of prosperity for everyone. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. admit | | | | | 1. usher | | | | 1. show | | | 1. introduce | |
|  | | 1. I think I’ll ……………… out my father and see if he would lend me his car for a few days. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. chance | | | | | 1. probe | | | | 1. check | | | 1. sound | |
|  | | 1. That successful company has used its huge economic ……………… to exert control over prices. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. downturn | | | | | 1. clout | | | | 1. slump | | | 1. turmoil | |
|  | | 1. The news of the wedding was ……………… all over the papers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pondered | | | | | 1. pitted | | | | 1. pestered | | | 1. plastered | |
|  | | 1. The flag ……………… in the light breeze. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fluttered | | | | | 1. spluttered | | | | 1. stuttered | | | 1. clattered | |
|  | | 1. Being ……………… means you are clever and amusing with words. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. witty | | | | | 1. hilarious | | | | 1. funny | | | 1. ironic | |
|  | | 1. There have been a few complaints, but ……………… the restaurant has been a success. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. far and wide | | | | | 1. now and again | | | | 1. out and about | | 1. by and large | | |
|  | | 1. Amy doesn’t trust lawyers. In fact, she’s ……………… of them all. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. conceivable | | | | | 1. contemptuous | | | | 1. comprehensible | | 1. contemporary | | |
|  | | 1. From the way she’s ……………… at that sandwich, I’d say Kate doesn’t like it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. nibbling | | | | | 1. consuming | | | | 1. chewing | | 1. devouring | | |
|  | | 1. Any ……………… anger that he felt towards her disappeared when she apologised. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. lingering | | | | | 1. abiding | | | | 1. adhering | | 1. loitering | | |
|  | | 1. The gambler is aware of a(n) ……………… of adrenalin just as the bet is placed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. acme | | | | | 1. zenith | | | | 1. summit | | 1. peak | | |
|  | | 1. Being involved in an accident is just one of the mishaps that can ……………… an individual. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. happen | | | | | 1. befall | | | | 1. hurt | | 1. upset | | |
|  | | 1. The lawyer insisted that his clients receive some compensation before blame was ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. determined | | | | | 1. decided | | | | 1. placed | | 1. apportioned | | |
|  | | 1. An obstacle had been placed in the middle of the road and the ……………… accident was blamed on it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. occurring | | | | | 1. ensuing | | | | 1. following | | 1. resulting | | |
|  | | 1. All applicants will be thoroughly ……………… for security risks. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. examined | | | | | 1. vetted | | | | 1. tested | | 1. searched | | |
|  | | 1. Parents often want to ……………… their children from the reality of how animals are raised for the table. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ward | | | | | 1. hide | | | | 1. conceal | | 1. screen | | |
|  | | 1. ……………… efforts are being made to save the animals belonging to the bankrupt zoo from being put down. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Stringent | | | | | 1. Strict | | | | 1. Powerful | | 1. Strenuous | | |
|  | | 1. This report on the beef industry is not free from political ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. slant | | | | | 1. bias | | | | 1. policy | | 1. angle | | |
|  | | 1. He made money not as a(n) ……………… in itself but in order to carry out his philanthropic schemes. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. purpose | | | | | 1. end | | | | 1. result | | 1. ambition | | |
|  | | 1. The performance of Beethoven’s fifth symphony was ……………… by a weak violin section. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. marred | | | | | 1. harmed | | | | 1. reduced | | 1. lessened | | |
|  | | 1. The hunter’s arrow hit the buffalo and blood ……………… from the wound. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. spurted | | | | | 1. dropped | | | | 1. drained | | 1. hurled | | |
|  | | 1. The ambusher’s victim walked ……………… into the trap. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. blindly | | | | | 1. shortsightedly | | | | 1. ignorantly | | 1. subconsciously | | |
|  | | 1. If the boat is unevenly loaded, there is a danger it will ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. invert | | | | | 1. resume | | | | 1. reverse | | 1. capsize | | |
|  | | 1. The market is dominated by two large corporations but there are some small but very aggressive companies ……………… at the edges. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. biting | | | | | 1. snapping | | | | 1. nibbling | | 1. scratching | | |
|  | | 1. The chairman tried to ……………… criticism by freely admitting that the company had not performed well in recent years. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. anticipate | | | | | 1. forestall | | | | 1. forewarn | | 1. dodge | | |
|  | | 1. The scientist’s claim to have visited other planets was greeted with ……………… laughter. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. appalling | | | | | 1. derisive | | | | 1. amusing | | 1. ludicrous | | |
|  | | | 1. Elaborate ministerial answers just tend to ……………… the basic facts of the case. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. darken | | | | | 1. obscure | | | 1. cloud | | | 1. cover | |
|  | | | 1. Simon never has any ……………… about pursuing his own interests at the expense of other people. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fears | | | | | 1. doubts | | | 1. qualms | | | 1. pretensions | |
|  | | | 1. Purists will always ……………… when they encounter grammatical uses they consider inexact. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shudder | | | | | 1. shake | | | 1. tremble | | | 1. quake | |
|  | | | 1. Mary is taciturn whereas her sister is a ……………… talker. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. stammering | | | | | 1. meticulous | | | 1. voluble | | | 1. bulky | |
|  | | 1. The ……………… reason given for the war was that Germany wanted to expand its borders. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. supercilious | | 1. superfluous | | | | | 1. ostensible | | | | | 1. ostentatious | |
|  | | 1. They put us up in a ……………… hotel room. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. disheveled | | | | | 1. distraught | | | | 1. dinghy | | | 1. dingy | |
|  | | 1. He ……………… over his misfortunes for a long time. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. bounced | | | | | 1. floundered | | | | 1. pampered | | | 1. pondered | |
|  | | 1. She gave a(n) ……………… reply to my question. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. intent | | | | | 1. inert | | | | 1. terse | | | 1. thrifty | |
|  | | 1. I was ……………… by its high price. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. put off | | | | | 1. put over | | | | 1. put up | | | 1. put down | |
|  | | 1. They took no ……………… of my warning. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hide | | | | | 1. seek | | | | 1. heed | | | 1. prick | |
|  | | 1. ……………… is part of a monk’s life. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Fasting | | | | | 1. Feasting | | | | 1. Carousing | | | 1. Debauchery | |
|  | | 1. Germ warfare has always been regarded with ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. restriction | | | | | 1. expectancy | | | | 1. reverse | | | 1. revulsion | |
|  | | 1. A great deal of misunderstanding about student politics ……………… at present. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pervades | | | | | 1. precedes | | | | 1. pertains | | | 1. prevails | |
|  | | 1. The boys are always apt to ……………… mischief when we have guests in the house. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. get off with | | | | | 1. get into | | | | 1. get up to | | | 1. get on with | |
|  | | 1. “How are you feeling today, Pam?” “……………… better, Doctor.” | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Somehow | | | | | 1. Somewhat | | | | 1. Sometime | | | 1. Something | |
|  | | 1. The poor man stood ……………… at the display of such wealth. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fatigued | | | | | 1. dumbstruck | | | | 1. extorted | | | 1. drowsy | |
|  | | 1. It was a remote, arid and ……………… village. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. prowling | | | | | 1. scattering | | | | 1. straggling | | | 1. struggling | |
|  | | 1. A(n) ……………… government was formed to conduct the election. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. caretaker | | | | | 1. undertaker | | | | 1. provincial | | 1. go-between | | |
|  | | 1. Throughout my life I had to ……………… with problems. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. contend | | | | | 1. content | | | | 1. tackle | | 1. face | | |
|  | | 1. We are ……………… by the idea of travelling abroad. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. enhanced | | | | | 1. subdued | | | | 1. enchanted | | 1. abstained | | |
|  | | 1. The Incas used to ……………… gold for tawdry jewels. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. barter | | | | | 1. banish | | | | 1. fabricate | | 1. bargain | | |
|  | | 1. Strong ……………… of wind blew the litter along the pavement. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hurricanes | | | | | 1. gales | | | | 1. gusts | | 1. storms | | |
|  | | | 1. Rachel won’t touch her food unless she’s ……………… into it. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. spurned | | | | | 1. coaxed | | | 1. warned | | | 1. cuddled | |
|  | | | 1. He found it hard to live on his ……………… earnings. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. puny | | | | | 1. grubby | | | 1. sparse | | | 1. meagre | |
|  | | 1. His mother ……………… him for being rude to people. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. scolded | | 1. warned | | | | | 1. remonstrated | | | | | 1. harangued | |
|  | | 1. The new housing scheme will provide habitation for all ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. highs and lows | | | | | 1. ups and downs | | | | 1. to and fros | | | 1. down and outs | |
|  | | 1. At first everybody liked the new game for its novelty. Soon, however, interest in it ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. wore off | | | | 1. wore down | | | | | 1. wore on | | | 1. wore out | |
|  | | 1. He ……………… the hope of becoming a famous writer. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. lives | | | | | 1. cherishes | | | | 1. rejoices | | | 1. envisages | |
|  | | 1. There will be a ……………… inquiry into the recent embezzlement case. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. full-length | | | | | 1. full-size | | | | 1. full-time | | | 1. full-scale | |
|  | | 1. “Do I have to attend the meeting?” “You don’t have to if you don’t ……………… .” | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. feel so | | | | | 1. want | | | | 1. want to | | | 1. feel like | |
|  | | 1. A woman who can’t conceive a child is ……………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. bare | | | | | 1. arid | | | | 1. barren | | | 1. parched | |
|  | | 1. The ……………… of commercial whaling sparked a public outcry. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. resumption | | | | | 1. replacement | | | | 1. retail | | | 1. retaliation | |
|  | | 1. The sergeant ……………… his soldiers with courage. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. imbued | | | | | 1. imparted | | | | 1. impaired | | | 1. incensed | |
|  | | 1. The government should endeavour to ……………… distress among the needy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. enhance | | | | | 1. mitigate | | | | 1. hamper | | | 1. detract | |
|  | | 1. It’s not easy to ……………… your anger when being insulted. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. incite | | | | | 1. curl | | | | 1. curfew | | | 1. curb | |
|  | | 1. I had to go back to ……………… the briefcase I had left in the hotel lounge. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. reprove | | | | | 1. retrieve | | | | 1. retreat | | | 1. retain | |
|  | | 1. Humility is one of his ……………… traits. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. salient | | | | | 1. valiant | | | | 1. ardent | | 1. strenuous | | |
|  | | 1. He is a good company when he is in a cheerful ……………… of mind. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. frame | | | | | 1. mood | | | | 1. predisposition | | 1. portrait | | |
|  | | 1. It is regrettable that educational standards have ……………… recently. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. plundered | | | | | 1. plummeted | | | | 1. decimated | | 1. dispersed | | |
|  | | 1. He has the authority to ……………… their decision. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. override | | | | | 1. overrate | | | | 1. overload | | 1. overrun | | |
|  | | 1. The demagogue spoke words which ……………… the mob’s fury. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. arose | | | | | 1. raised | | | | 1. roused | | 1. resurrected | | |
|  | | 1. It’s of ……………… importance that the instructions are carried out properly. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. rudimentary | | | | | 1. elementary | | | | 1. fundamental | | 1. mandatory | | |