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|  | 1. Jailers are watchful to prevent the …………… of poison in letters sent to condemned prisoners. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. secretion | | 1. secreting | | | | | | 1. seepage | | | | | | 1. sedition | | | |
|  | 1. Having made his fortune, he now …………… in great luxury in a large house in the country. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. dwells | | 1. inhabits | | | | | | 1. settles | | | | | | 1. relishes | | | |
|  | 1. It is one thing to simply tell a white lie, James, but you have been downright ……………; I will never be able to trust you again. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. prudent | | 1. reclusive | | | | | | 1. precipitous | | | | | | 1. mendacious | | | |
|  | 1. When you complete the course successfully you will receive a …………… of attendance. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. degree | 1. diploma | | | | | | | 1. licence | | | | | | 1. certificate | | | |
|  | 1. The room was …………… decorated in gold and silver; it was quite simply over the top. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ostentatiously | | 1. tantalisingly | | | | | | 1. profoundly | | | | | | 1. rivetingly | | | |
|  | 1. The train whistle warned us of its …………… departure. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. eminent | | 1. imminent | | | | | | 1. subsequent | | | | | | 1. consequent | | | |
|  | 1. This machine performs the same …………… as a washing machine but on a much larger scale. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. function | | 1. frame | | | | | | 1. feature | | | | | | 1. form | | | |
|  | 1. It is …………… likely that the government will back down and agree to the tax cuts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. completely | | 1. fully | | | | | | 1. highly | | | | | | 1. totally | | | |
|  | 1. One disadvantage of living in London is having to ……………so many friends when they come to see shows. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. bring about | | 1. take on | | | | | | 1. put up | | | | | | 1. turn in | | | |
|  | 1. Why don’t you …………… for a coffee on the way home? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pass out | | 1. take off | | | | | | 1. set off | | | | | | 1. call in | | | |
|  | 1. The bad weather and a lack of food simply …………… our problems. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. compounded | | 1. enhanced | | | | | | 1. salvaged | | | | | | 1. transformed | | | |
|  | 1. I don’t like this newspaper, the reports are really …………… towards the government. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. biased | | 1. prejudiced | | | | | | 1. unreliable | | | | | | 1. misinformed | | | |
|  | 1. Oh no! It looks like my rucksack …………… behind in the scramble to get on the bus. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. has left | | 1. has got left | | | | | | 1. had left | | | | | | 1. had been left | | | |
|  | 1. Jimmy admitted that he never did anything …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. by halves | | 1. on half | | | | | | 1. in half | | | | | | 1. in halves | | | |
|  | 1. To add decoration or embellishments to something is to …………… it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. admonish | | 1. chastise | | | | | | 1. garnish | | | | | | 1. redress | | | |
|  | 1. A more descriptive word for “pretty” is …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. wayward | | 1. belligerent | | | | | | 1. gregarious | | | | | | 1. winsome | | | |
|  | 1. If your parents are upset with you, they’re most likely going to …………… you. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. beguile | | 1. scold | | | | | | 1. inveigle | | | | | | 1. taunt | | | |
|  | 1. People in the back rows of the audience couldn’t hear the speaker so he had to …………… his voice in order to reach them. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. propel | | 1. propagate | | | | | | 1. project | | | | | | 1. disseminate | | | |
|  | 1. My teacher …………… refused to let me retake the test. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. adamantly | | 1. profusely | | | | | | 1. insatiably | | | | | | 1. opulently | | | |
|  | 1. When you feel like you’re willing to do anything people ask you to do, you’re being …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. vociferous | | 1. candid | | | | | | 1. acquiescent | | | | | | 1. zealous | | | |
|  | 1. Every mystery novel has a(n) …………… when the clues start to come together and make sense. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. denouement | | 1. soliloquy | | | | | | 1. hubris | | | | | | 1. epiphany | | | |
|  | 1. There are some kids who love their vegetables – but others think vegetables are …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. repugnant | | 1. caustic | | | | | | 1. repellent | | | | | | 1. mundane | | | |
|  | 1. If you saunter to class, you’re moving …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. slowly | | 1. angrily | | | | | | 1. quickly | | | | | | 1. calmly | | | |
|  | 1. Someone who’s extremely grateful and keeps thanking you is being …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. laconic | | 1. benign | | | | | | 1. cursory | | | | | | 1. effusive | | | |
|  | 1. …………… are staff to enter this area without wearing protective clothing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Absolutely not | | 1. Out of the question | | | | | | 1. On no account | | | | | | 1. In no way | | | |
|  | 1. Someone mentioned this point recently and I’m racking my …………… who it was. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. nerves | | 1. mind | | | | | | 1. brains | | | | | | 1. thoughts | | | |
|  | 1. I think you’ve got a bit of a …………… on your shoulder. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. flake | | 1. splinter | | | | | | 1. sliver | | | | | | 1. chip | | | |
|  | 1. The classroom was horribly quiet but it was just the lull before the …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. squall | | 1. storm | | | | | | 1. gale | | | | | | 1. tempest | | | |
|  | 1. Bob found his wife more of a …………… than a help with the painting of the house. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. barrier | | 1. deterrent | | | | | | 1. hardship | | | | | | 1. hindrance | | | |
|  | 1. After placing an advertisement for a new flatmate in the newspaper, William received several …………… replies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. frantic | | 1. swift | | | | | | 1. hectic | | | | | | 1. abrupt | | | |
|  | 1. In order to …………… his diet, Michael took multi-vitamin tablets. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. strike | | 1. load | | | | | | 1. fortify | | | | | | 1. confirm | | | |
|  | 1. Prices have not remained …………… since the last elections. In fact, they have changed almost every month. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. steady | | | 1. identical | | | | | | 1. precise | | | | | D. gradual | | | |
|  | 1. ……………, Maria still makes a few mistakes, but her command of English has greatly improved. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Admittedly | | | | 1. Knowingly | | | | | | 1. Readily | | | | 1. Willingly | | | |
|  | 1. Do you think you could check …………… these figures for me just to make sure they’re correct? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. over | | | | 1. off | | | | | | 1. in | | | | 1. through | | | |
|  | 1. If she hadn’t given him ……………, the police would never have found him. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. away | | | | 1. in | | | | | | 1. for | | | | 1. off | | | |
|  | 1. Had I run out of gas, I …………… called the garage. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. had | | | | 1. would have | | | | | | 1. would had | | | | 1. should have | | | |
|  | 1. All staff have been warned that they …………… the axe should productivity not improve. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. face | | | | 1. convene | | | | | | 1. break | | | | 1. run | | | |
|  | 1. There is talk of two struggling companies ……………, and it is believed that they would benefit significantly. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. embarking | | | | 1. operating | | | | | | 1. merging | | | | 1. engaging | | | |
|  | 1. The board has …………… a motion of no confidence in the Chief Executive. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. brought forth | | | | 1. put forward | | | | | | 1. wrote off | | | | 1. passed over | | | |
|  | 1. Investors have paid a heavy price for not recognising last week’s share-price low as a …………… bottom. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. junk | | | | 1. cash | | | | | | 1. exit | | | | 1. false | | | |
|  | 1. The Prime Minister …………… that it will be very difficult for him to win the next election. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. reneged | | | | 1. canvassed | | | | | | 1. convened | | | | 1. conceded | | | |
|  | 1. Public opinion has …………… seismically in the wake of these new revelations about the P.M.’s private life. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. turned | | | | 1. polarised | | | | | | 1. shifted | | | | 1. suffered | | | |
|  | 1. Scarcely had the islanders recovered from the earthquake …………… the volcano began to erupt. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. that | | | | 1. when | | | | | | 1. then | | | | 1. than | | | |
|  | 1. You are off your …………… if you think I’ll help you commit a crime. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. head | | | | 1. skull | | | | | | 1. mind | | | | 1. brains | | | |
|  | 1. Wearing black is par …………… the course at a formal event like this. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. in | | | | 1. on | | | | | | 1. before | | | | | | 1. for | |
|  | 1. She was …………… on the grounds that she was no longer mentally fit to carry out her role. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. laid | | | | 1. terminated | | | | | | 1. dismissed | | | | | | 1. relieved | |
|  | 1. The …………… benefits are considerable: company car, generous pension, access to the company gym twenty-four seven. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. remuneration | | | | 1. fringe | | | | | | 1. perks | | | | | | 1. package | |
|  | 1. Only after a dozen attempts …………… her driving test. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. did she pass | | | | | 1. she passed | | | | | | | 1. passed she | | | | | 1. was she passed |
|  | 1. The police accused the bank employee of ……………, after financial irregularities were uncovered in his department’s accounts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fraud | | | | | 1. hoodwink | | | | | | 1. swindle | | | | | | 1. cheating |
|  | 1. You never quite know what Ken is up to – he’s rather a dark …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. dog | | | | | 1. fox | | | | | | | 1. wolf | | | | | 1. horse |
|  | 1. The plan went ……………-shaped almost from the very start. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. belly | | | | | 1. peanut | | | | | | | 1. peach | | | | | 1. pear |
|  | 1. That book has been out of …………… for a long time. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. copy | | | | | 1. press | | | | | | | 1. print | | | | | 1. publication |
|  | 1. The actor had six curtain …………… after his marvellous performance. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. calls | | | | | 1. demands | | | | | | | 1. requests | | | | | 1. shouts |
|  | 1. I don’t think this newspaper cartoon is funny, but I like the …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. caption | | | | | 1. label | | | | | | | 1. message | | | | | 1. tag |
|  | 1. The …………… comedy in silent films was especially funny. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. clownish | | | | | 1. mocking | | | | | | | 1. slapstick | | | 1. witty | | |
|  | 1. The rebuilding of the church organ was a real labour of …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. soul | | | | | 1. heart | | | | | | | 1. love | | | 1. spirit | | |
|  | 1. We believe that the judge is fair and has no axe to …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hide | | | | | 1. grind | | | | | | | 1. bury | | | 1. sharpen | | |
|  | 1. I wish you …………… when I'm telling you something important. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. won’t interrupt | | | | | 1. wouldn’t interrupt | | | | | | | 1. didn’t interrupt | | | 1. hadn’t interrupted | | |
|  | 1. Neighbours cannot live in …………… if their children keep fighting with one another. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. contention | | | | | 1. concord | | | | | | | 1. dissension | | | 1. equity | | |
|  | 1. Lincoln is remembered as a politician who …………… defended what he believed in. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. mildly | | | | | 1. occasionally | | | | | | | 1. fervently | | | 1. timidly | | |
|  | 1. Our teacher was clearly getting angry, then suddenly she …………… a fuse. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. blew | | | | | 1. broke | | | | | | | 1. burnt | | | 1. dropped | | |
|  | 1. All my attempts to cheer her up proved …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. instrumental | | | | | 1. conclusive | | | | | | | 1. worthy | | | 1. futile | | |
|  | 1. No amount of money can …………… me to leave the company. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. entice | | | | | 1. enthrone | | | | | | | 1. encamp | | | 1. enrich | | |
|  | 1. The colours you've chosen are lovely, dear, but next time try …………… your shading within the lines a bit more. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. keeping | | | | | 1. to be kept | | | | | | | 1. and keep | | | 1. that you should keep | | |
|  | 1. The door suddenly banged and frightened the …………… out of me. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. wits | | | | | 1. soul | | | | | | | 1. life | | | 1. bowels | | |
|  | 1. Could you please stop for a moment and let me get a …………… in edgeways? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. foot | | | | | 1. hand | | | | | | | 1. word | | 1. grip | | | |
|  | 1. According to procrastination expert Dr. Kim, fear of failure is the main reason why people …………… doing something. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. promote | | | | | 1. prevail | | | | | | | 1. prolong | | 1. postpone | | | |
|  | 1. Since I …………… you, I have never seen you desperate. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. have known | | | | | | 1. know | | | | | | 1. am knowing | | 1. knew | | | |
|  | 1. The couple tried to …………… their romance but soon they both had to come to terms with the reality that the spark had gone for good. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. rekindle | | | | | | 1. endow | | | | | | 1. fire | | 1. mince | | | |
|  | 1. We must be …………… of individuals who tend to say one thing and then do another. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. weary | | | | | | 1. dreary | | | | | | 1. wary | | 1. fiery | | | |
|  | 1. A storage of durable goods comes in …………… in times of natural emergency. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. use | | | | | | 1. handy | | | | | | 1. available | | 1. helpful | | | |
|  | 1. When I lived in Paris, I …………… strolling along the banks of the river Seine. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. was enjoying | | | | | | | 1. had enjoyed | | | | 1. would enjoy | | | 1. used to enjoy | | | |
|  | 1. I’ve got a bone to …………… with you! Why have you been avoiding me? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pick | | | | | | | 1. share | | | | 1. split | | | 1. break | | | |
|  | 1. He …………… be famous, but that doesn't necessarily mean he's interesting to talk to. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. must | | | | | | | 1. could | | | | 1. should | | | 1. may | | | |
|  | 1. The decor of the hotel was sumptuous; it …………… ‘five-star’ from the moment you stepped into the lobby. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. yelled | | | | | | | 1. shouted | | | | 1. screamed | | | 1. shrieked | | | |
|  | 1. Dinner was …………… and the after-dinner entertainment was equally exceptional. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. delectable | | | | | | | 1. despicable | | | | 1. arresting | | | 1. radiant | | | |
|  | 1. Several witnesses said they saw the woman and child leaving the building together. However, as the child was smiling and holding the woman's hand, they assumed she …………… his mother. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. had to be | | | | | | | 1. must be | | | | 1. must have been | | | 1. was to be | | | |
|  | 1. Then he became really ill and had to put all his plans …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. up in the air | | | | | | | 1. on the back burner | | | | | | 1. on the fence | 1. on the sidelines | | | |
|  | 1. He’s highly educated and she’s got no qualifications at all, but they managed to hit it …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. off | | | | | | | 1. out | | | | | | 1. on | 1. up | | | |
|  | 1. That was …………… party last night - I haven't had so much fun for years! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. any | | | | | | | 1. some | | | | 1. one | | | 1. no | | | |
|  | 1. At least this result tells us that we’re on the right …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. trail | | | | | | | 1. rail | | | | 1. track | | | 1. way | | | |
|  | 1. Luca’s personal assistant quit suddenly and left him in the …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pitch | | | | | | | 1. lurch | | | | 1. loiter | | | 1. dark | | | |
|  | 1. They argue all the time now. There’s no doubt that their marriage is on the …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fire | | | | | | | 1. rocks | | | | 1. drain | | | 1. wall | | | |
|  | 1. …………… this new regulation come into force, our work will become much more difficult. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. If | | | | | | | 1. Should | | | | 1. Had | | | D. Were | | | |
|  | 1. For most of the afternoon, Mum had been …………… Cyril’s praises. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. giving | | | | | | | 1. putting | | | | 1. singing | | | 1. playing | | | |
|  | 1. He is no doubt a(n) …………… talent, but I question whether or not he has the temperament to succeed in this sport. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. prodigious | | | | | | | 1. prodigal | | | | 1. eminent | | | 1. flagrant | | | |
|  | 1. The diamond is of …………… origin; I suspect that it has been smuggled into the country illegally. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. latent | | | | | | | 1. dubious | | | | 1. laconic | | | 1. lucrative | | | |
|  | 1. What's the matter? You look as though you …………… a ghost. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. are seeing | | | | | | | 1. see | | | | 1. saw | | | 1. had seen | | | |
|  | 1. I called on the ……………-chance and happened to find her at home | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. off | | | | | | | 1. on | | | | 1. by | | | 1. spare | | | |
|  | 1. He wore a(n) …………… expression for weeks following the news that he had not got the promotion. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. prudent | | | | | | | 1. reclusive | | | | 1. doleful | | | 1. officious | | | |
|  | 1. There is a …………… of new homes being built in the region and at the moment demand far outweighs supply. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. plethora | | | | | | | 1. recession | | | | 1. dearth | | | 1. vestige | | | |
|  | 1. He still …………… for her to this day; it is tragic really, considering she left him all of twenty-eight years ago. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pines | | | | | | | 1. craves | | | | 1. prattles | | | 1. endows | | | |
|  | 1. The government troops were able to …………… the rebellion with little difficulty. Its leaders were not at all prepared for any form of lengthy engagement. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. sully | | | | | | | 1. deride | | | | 1. quell | | | 1. falter | | | |
|  | 1. …………… the news of the birth of her first grandchild, Mary burst into tears of joy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Hearing | | | | | | | 1. Having heard | | | | 1. Being heard | | | 1. Having been heard | | | |
|  | 1. His reputation has been …………… unfairly by the allegations of corruption. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. sullied | | | | | | | 1. rued | | | | | 1. loped | | 1. impugned | | | |
|  | 1. This issue …………… race and may well serve to unite a people that were until this moment bitterly dividend and obsessed with skin colour. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. transcends | | | | | | | 1. kindles | | | | | 1. endows | | 1. taunts | | | |
|  | 1. You may yet …………… the day that you crossed me; I will not forget this, and will be watching you like a hawk. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. rue | | | | | | | 1. tender | | | | | 1. lope | | 1. milk | | | |
|  | 1. His reputation as a ‘green’ politician was …………… by the news that he owns seven sports cars and a fleet of private jets. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. savoured | | | | | | | 1. shunned | | | | | 1. taunted | | 1. undermined | | | |
|  | 1. He has had no success with this idea. I think he’s flogging a dead …………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. animal | | | | | | | 1. donkey | | | | | 1. mare | | 1. horse | | | |
|  | 1. Crisis was …………… when the Chinese government backed down on its demand to have the island returned to it before the deadline. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. subdued | | | | | | | 1. averted | | | | 1. savoured | | | 1. impugned | | | |