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|  | 1. ………………… the map yesterday, we’d have found the place more easily. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. But for bringing | | | | | 1. Had we brought | | | | | | | 1. If we should bring | | | | | 1. Were we to bring | |
|  | 1. It seems ………………… today not to provide children with a decent education. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. unconceivable | | | | | 1. unthinkable | | | | | | | 1. unappropriate | | | | | 1. amoral | |
|  | 1. They were waiting for the manager. The discussion could not ………………… until he returned. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. preserve | | | | | 1. precede | | | | | | | 1. prolong | | | | | 1. proceed | |
|  | 1. He had a hard ………………… on his forehead the size of a golf ball. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. spot | | | 1. lump | | | | | | | | | 1. bruise | | | | | 1. rash | |
|  | 1. The coffee was just to his ………………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. appetite | | | | | 1. preference | | | | | | | 1. liking | | | | | 1. favour | |
|  | 1. A ………………… [executive](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/executive) [committee](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/committee) had been set up under the [chairmanship](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/chairmanship) of Franiszek Kaminski. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. conditional | | | | | 1. indefinite | | | | | | | 1. provisional | | | | | 1. indeterminate | |
|  | 1. I have to listen to her ………………… all day about her boyfriend. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. whine | | | | | 1. hiss | | | | | | | 1. mutter | | | | | 1. hum | |
|  | 1. Buxton is being ………………… for assault. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. perpetrated | | | | | 1. persecuted | | | | | | | 1. proscribed | | | | | 1. prosecuted | |
|  | 1. It ………………… on me that Jo had been right all along. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. dawned | | | | | 1. struck | | | | | | | 1. occurred | | | | | 1. hit | |
|  | 1. We don’t know with ………………… certainty that the project will succeed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. utter | | | | | 1. entire | | | | | | | 1. extreme | | | | | 1. absolute | |
|  | 1. Then, embarrassed by his own behaviour, Orlando ………………… their forgiveness and hurried to retrieve Adam. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pleaded | | | | | 1. petitioned | | | | | | | 1. implored | | | | | 1. begged | |
|  | 1. ”I don’t know what’s got into this child, but he ………………… not listen!” the mother complained. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. must | | | | | 1. will | | | | | | | 1. may | | | | | 1. shall | |
|  | 1. What's increasingly apparent, too, is that Penn the director is a different ………………… of fish to Penn the actor. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pan | | | | | 1. basket | | | | | | | 1. box | | | | | 1. kettle | |
|  | 1. They're making a six-part documentary ………………… about an English family chasing their dream of living in a Scottish castle. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. episode | | | | | 1. series | | | | | | | 1. serial | | | | | 1. sequel | |
|  | 1. I suggest she ………………… asked to be more punctual. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. could be | | | | | 1. be | | | | | | | 1. is | | | | | 1. would be | |
|  | 1. ………………… my grandparents, my childhood would have been worse. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Due to | | | | | 1. Because of | | | | | | | 1. Hadn’t it been for | | | | | 1. But for | |
|  | 1. Neither the clowns nor the acrobat ………………… a success in tonight’s show. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. have been | | | | | 1. were | | | | | | | 1. are | | | | | 1. has been | |
|  | 1. Thomas tiptoed up the stairs ………………… his parents should wake up. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. if | | | | | 1. lest | | | | | | | 1. so that | | | | | 1. in order that | |
|  | 1. He was in the area, so he ………………… on the off-chance that she would be at home. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. stopped by | | | | | 1. stepped in | | | | | | | 1. popped up | | | | | 1. came across | |
|  | 1. Basically, it ………………… the fact that you are lazy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. boils down to | | | | | 1. reduces to | | | | | | | 1. remains to | | | | | 1. comes to | |
|  | 1. You can’t ………………… me ……………… with any more excuses. I must insist that you do it immediately. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. egg …. on | | | | | 1. bottle …. up | | | | | | | 1. butter …. up | | | | | 1. fob …. off | |
|  | 1. The building under construction is at the cutting ………………… of architecture. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. brink | | | | | 1. margin | | | | | | | 1. edge | | | | | 1. brim | |
|  | 1. My boss ………………… me over the coals for being persistently late. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pulled | | | | | 1. hauled | | | | | | | 1. mauled | | | | | 1. dragged | |
|  | 1. I was late and couldn’t find a taxi; it was ………………… for the course. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. horses | | | | | 1. part | | | | | | | 1. parcel | | | | | 1. par | |
|  | 1. Property in the city centre is ………………… a premium, because everyone wants it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. at | | | | | 1. in | | | | | | | 1. for | | | | | 1. to | |
|  | 1. The new book by my favourite author really is ………………… reading. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. compelling | | | | | 1. discriminating | | | | | | | 1. officious | | | | | 1. seasoned | |
|  | 1. I still haven’t had ………………… to wear the hat I bought last summer, as the weather has been dreadful. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. event | | | | | | | | | | 1. opportunity | | 1. chance | | | | | 1. occasion | |
|  | 1. In a matter of moments he had ………………… the bare facts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ascertained | | | | | 1. compounded | | | | | | | 1. expelled | | | | | 1. designated | |
|  | 1. He is so ………………… he doesn’t care what people say about him. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. tight-fisted | | | | | 1. mealy-mouthed | | | | | | | 1. thick-skinned | | | | | 1. well-heeled | |
|  | 1. Not one of the new recruits is ………………… to the requirements of our organisation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. tangible | | | | | 1. extraordinary | | | | | | | 1. transient | | | | | 1. superfluous | |
|  | | 1. The market researchers ………………… ten per cent of the population to gauge how popular the product would be. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. queried | | | | | 1. surveyed | | | | | | | | 1. propositioned | | | 1. estimated | |
|  | | 1. He had a ………………… look in his eyes and obviously hadn’t understood what was being said. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. secluded | | | | | | | 1. vacant | | | | | | | 1. cozy | | 1. feigned | |
|  | | 1. He felt ………………… by the crowds and needed to find a quieter place. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shored up | | | | | | | 1. hemmed in | | | | | | | 1. moved over | | 1. perked up | |
|  | | 1. They ………………… their relationship after a huge argument. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. patched up | | | | | | | 1. toned down | | | | | | | 1. notched up | 1. slackened off | | |
|  | | 1. He ………………… his options while having a solitary lunch. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. sounded out | | | | | | | 1. came about | | | | | | | 1. shrugged off | 1. mulled over | | |
|  | | 1. He ………………… the idea for a few moments and then rejected it out of hand. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. dredged up | | | | | | | 1. thrashed out | | | | | | | 1. singled out | 1. toyed with | | |
|  | | 1. It was rush hour, so the traffic was moving ………………… a snail’s pace. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. at | | | | | | | 1. on | | | | | | | 1. in | 1. to | | |
|  | | 1. He likes being in the thick of things, not standing ………………… the sidelines. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. in | | | | | | | 1. at | | | | | | | 1. on | 1. near | | |
|  | | 1. His guess as to why he resigned is more than a little wide of the ………………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. mark | | | | | | | 1. spot | | | | | | | 1. range | 1. target | | |
|  | | 1. The meeting seemed quite well organized at first, but soon deteriorated into a free ………………… all. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. by | | | | | | | 1. in | | | | | | | 1. for | 1. to | | |
|  | | 1. His opinion was ………………… when he spoke his mind at the meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. enquired | | | | | | | 1. examined | | | | | | | 1. queried | 1. investigated | | |
|  | | 1. No one will ………………… in their quarrel as neither of them was popular. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. intervene | | | | | | | 1. interrupt | | | | | | | 1. trespass | 1. disrupt | | |
|  | | 1. We should ………………… the bad apples from the good ones. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. segregate | | | | | | | 1. separate | | | | | | | 1. divide | 1. insulate | | |
|  | | 1. When I was a child, I could ………………… around the countryside alone, but it’s too dangerous to do so now. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. explore | | | | | | | 1. roam | | | | | | | 1. wonder | 1. prowl | | |
|  | | 1. He was ………………… to look for another job because he was passed over for promotion. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pinched | | | | | | | 1. prodded | | | | | | | 1. primed | 1. prompted | | |
|  | | | 1. We tried to ………………… the mouse into the trap with some cheese. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. infer | | | | | | | 1. entice | | | | 1. allude | | | | | 1. impel |
|  | | | 1. During the ………………… of police investigations, several suspects were found. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. course | | | | | | | 1. track | | | | 1. realm | | | | | 1. trail |
|  | | | 1. I had no idea that he was so ………………… against buying a foreign car. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. prejudiced | | | 1. warped | | | | | | | 1. determined | | | | | 1. conservative | |
|  | | | 1. Don’t worry, I’ll ………………… him; you just call the ambulance. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. see to | | | 1. go about | | | | | | | 1. stop by | | | | | 1. vouch for | |
|  | | | 1. He glared at me and ordered me to ………………… the money I owed him. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. drum up | | | 1. palm off | | | | | | | 1. cough up | | | | | 1. pitch in | |
|  | | | 1. She tried to ………………… her blunder, but that just made the situation more embarrassing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. lay up | | | 1. root out | | | | | | | 1. live up to | | | | | 1. cover up | |
|  | | | 1. You can’t pull out now! You’re going to ………………… the expedition for all of us. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. peter out | | | | | 1. write off | | | | | 1. muck up | | | | | 1. jack in | |
|  | | | 1. That was an interesting Freudian …………………, saying “Of course I’ll save your wife” instead of “Of course I’ll save your life”! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. skip | | | | | 1. drop | | | | 1. slip | | | | | | 1. drip | |
|  | | | 1. Don’t worry about the occasional row, it’s all part and ………………… of family life. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. parcel | | | | | 1. packet | | | | 1. picket | | | | | | 1. package | |
|  | | | 1. Everything was progressing beautifully, until greed ………………… its ugly head. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. showed | | | | 1. reared | | | | | | 1. shook | | | | | 1. displayed | |
|  | | | 1. I only saw the ………………… end of the match, but it was very exciting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. last | | | 1. final | | | | | | | 1. second | | | | | 1. tail | |
|  | | | 1. I’m not going shopping with George again; he’s so ………………… it took him half an hour to decide whether or not to buy a tie. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. undecided | | | 1. indecisive | | | | | | | 1. unresolved | | | | | 1. indifferent | |
|  | | | 1. The necklace is very ………………… to me, as my grandmother gave it to me on my eighteenth birthday. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. priceless | | | 1. pricey | | | | | | | 1. invaluable | | | | | 1. precious | |
|  | | | 1. Christina considers feeding the animals a …………………, but I really enjoy it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. chore | | | 1. job | | | | | | | 1. vocation | | | | | 1. profession | |
|  | | | 1. He rudely dismissed our objections , and said they were ………………… to the matter at hand. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. fallacious | | | 1. invalid | | | | | | | 1. illogical | | | | | 1. irrelevant | |
|  | | | 1. As they gazed across the valley, they ………………… their eyes from the brilliant sunshine. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. isolated | | | 1. shielded | | | | | | | 1. kept | | | | | 1. saved | |
|  | | | 1. The clubhouse walls were adorned with ………………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. competitions | | 1. rewards | | | | | | | | 1. sponsors | | | | | 1. trophies | |
|  | | | 1. You have to ………………… this orange juice before you drink it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. melt | | | 1. dissolve | | | | | | | 1. dilute | | | | | 1. stain | |
|  | | | 1. You probably won’t notice him as soon as you walk in, because he’s rather ………………… . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. inconspicuous | | | 1. indifferent | | | | | | | 1. blunt | | | | | 1. mundane | |
|  | | | 1. The ………………… of the restaurant welcomed them to his establishment and showed them to their table. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. director | | | 1. proprietor | | | | | | | 1. chairman | | | | | 1. administrator | |
|  | | | 1. The political candidates slipped a little ………………… into the debate about starvation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. legality | | | 1. leniency | | | | | | | 1. levity | | | | | 1. liability | |
|  | | | 1. In the real estate business world one can never be ………………… – it may lead to bankruptcy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. competent | | | 1. concomitant | | | | | | | 1. confident | | | | | 1. complacent | |
|  | | | 1. The police officer issues another ………………… warning about drug use. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. steep | | | | | | 1. fierce | | | | 1. stiff | | | | | 1. stern | |
|  | | | 1. The ………………… of the French revolution was followed by a time of recovery. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. upkeep | | | 1. uproar | | | | | | | 1. uplift | | | | | 1. upheaval | |
|  | | | 1. Because he was a first time offender he received a ………………… sentence. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. bland | | | 1. mandatory | | | | | | | 1. lenient | | | | | 1. simple | |
|  | | | 1. Money is not the only ………………… – she really enjoys her job. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. impulse | | | 1. stimulant | | | | | | | 1. deterrent | | | | | 1. incentive | |
|  | | | 1. Let the tea leaves ………………… in the pot before pouring. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. steep | | | 1. stew | | | | | | | 1. seep | | | | | 1. swelter | |
|  | | | 1. Before grating the cheese, ………………… the cucumbers and add the cucumber cubes to the lettuce and tomatoes. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. slice | | | 1. mince | | | | | | | 1. dice | | | | | 1. rinse | |
|  | | | 1. She ………………… the hedges every year to keep it at a constant height. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shears | | | 1. hacks | | | | | | | 1. prunes | | | | | 1. saws | |
|  | | | 1. I haven’t seen you in donkey’s ………………… what have you been doing? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ears | | | 1. ages | | | | | | | 1. years | | | | | 1. times | |
|  | | | 1. I’m at the end of my …………………. If they don’t turn that music off, I’ll call the police. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. rope | | | 1. string | | | | | | | 1. yarn | | | | | 1. tether | |
|  | | | 1. Tom always comes up smelling of ………………… although he plays the worst tricks on his classmates. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. roses | | | | | 1. lilies | | | | | 1. tuberose | | | | | 1. jasmine | |
|  | | | 1. You must ………………… your courage to enter the haunted house. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. pluck | | 1. conjure | | | | | | | | 1. sustain | | | | | 1. summon | |
|  | | | 1. Peter looks as sober as a ………………… although I know he’s been drinking a lot. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. priest | | | 1. juror | | | | | | | 1. lawyer | | | | | 1. judge | |
|  | | | 1. Money has been coming in ………………… since he started the new business. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. spades | | | 1. shovels | | | | | | | 1. rakes | | | | | 1. hoses | |
|  | | | 1. By hook or by …………………, he was going to buy that car. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. cook | | | 1. crock | | | | | | | 1. crack | | | | | 1. crook | |
|  | | | 1. You must take a break – you’ve been burning the ………………… at both ends for weeks now. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. candy | | | 1. candle | | | | | | | 1. wax | | | | | 1. chandler | |
|  | | | 1. She keeps a stiff upper ………………… even when wrongly accused – she’s a proud woman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. eyelid | | | 1. brow | | | | | | | 1. lip | | | | | 1. cheek | |
|  | | | 1. I changed my job but now I see I was jumping out of the ………………… pan into the fire. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. sizzling | | | | | | 1. firing | | | | 1. boiling | | | | | 1. frying | |
|  | | | 1. “Have you heard about Ted’s divorce?” “Yes, bad news ………………… fast.” | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. journeys | | | 1. goes | | | | | | | 1. travels | | | | | 1. passes | |
|  | | | 1. He was always disrupted by details; he can’t see the wood ………………… the trees. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. from | | | 1. of | | | | | | | 1. for | | | | | 1. off | |
|  | | | 1. She ………………… the urge to swear at her boss and left the office. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. clamped | | | 1. curbed | | | | | | | 1. cured | | | | | 1. curved | |
|  | | | 1. Don’t mind my boss! He’s all bark and no ………………… – also, he knows the job like no one else. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. nibble | | | 1. bite | | | | | | | 1. gnaw | | | | | 1. crunch | |
|  | | | 1. This is a job right up my ………………… – I’ll finish it in no time. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. street | | | 1. road | | | | | | | 1. lane | | | | | 1. way | |
|  | | | 1. The high inflation rate is an ………………… of poor governing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. indictment | | | 1. indelibility | | | | | | | 1. indemnity | | | | | 1. industry | |
|  | | | 1. At first glance she’s as ………………… as nails but I know she’s vulnerable. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. tough | | | 1. strong | | | | | | | 1. firm | | | | | 1. hard | |
|  | | | 1. In her ………………… long-sleeved white dress she looked more classy than all the other woman present. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. shy | | | 1. timid | | | | | | | 1. demure | | | | | 1. reserved | |
|  | | | 1. The audience couldn’t make ………………… nor tail of his long convoluted sentences. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. face | | | | | 1. head | | | | | 1. hand | | | | | 1. heel | |
|  | | | 1. That article without having verified the facts was the ………………… of his career as a journalist. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. nadir | | | | | | 1. pit | | | | 1. zenith | | | | | 1. peak | |
|  | | | 1. One hour before school broke up, the young teacher felt as if he was ………………… cats. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. taming | | | 1. herding | | | | | | | 1. training | | | | | 1. breeding | |
|  | | | 1. He finally showed a ………………… of decency and stopped swearing at us. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. drip | | | | | 1. pinch | | | | | 1. morsel | | | | | 1. modicum | |
|  | | | 1. He stirred the hornets’ ………………… with the news of his marriage and left. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. hive | | | | | | 1. nest | | | | 1. roost | | | | | 1. den | |
|  | | | 1. After a careful ………………… of the will, the solicitor made a phone call. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. perception | | | 1. glance | | | | | | | 1. perusal | | | | | 1. skimming | |
|  | | | 1. My boss is only apparently ………………… to our disregard of the regulations. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. unconcerned | | | | | | 1. unaware | | | | 1. oblivious | | | | | 1. unbeknown | |
|  | | | 1. My brother can solve the most difficult Math problem at the ………………… of a hat. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. brim | | | 1. top | | | | | | | 1. drop | | | | | 1. edge | |