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|  | 1. Our hosts prepared a ………………… meal to celebrate our arrival. | | | | | |
| 1. slapdash | | 1. profuse | 1. lavish | | 1. spendthrift |
|  | 1. The new system can ………………… between identical twins that no one can tell apart by any other means. | | | | | |
| 1. distinguish | | 1. recognise | 1. make out | | 1. discern |
|  | 1. Some parents worry that their toddler is ………………… behind its peers when it comes to speech development. | | | | | |
| 1. lagging | | 1. loitering | 1. lingering | | 1. dallying |
|  | 1. A ………………… bloomer, she wrote her first novel when she was almost 50. | | | | | |
| 1. slowed | 1. delayed | | 1. late | | 1. belated |
|  | 1. In an interview, the Foreign Affairs Secretary tried to ………………… doubts about his handling of the crisis. | | | | | |
| 1. dispel | | 1. disperse | 1. discard | | 1. dispose |
|  | 1. The priest conducted a service in ..................... of those killed in the war. | | | | | |
| 1. recollection | | 1. retrospect | 1. review | | 1. remembrance |
|  | 1. Motorists were criticised for being ………………… to pedestrians. | | | | | |
| 1. callous | | 1. inconsiderate | 1. crude | | 1. ignorant |
|  | 1. Stress is a/an ………………… part of dieting. | | | | | |
| 1. imminent | | 1. audacious | 1. inherent | | 1. instinctive |
|  | 1. Inflation is ………………… and industry is in decline. | | | | | |
| 1. rampant | | 1. vicious | 1. lavish | | 1. profuse |
|  | 1. Many cinema-goers were ………………… at the film’s violent and tragic ending. | | | | | |
| 1. dazed | | 1. giddy | 1. dizzy | | 1. aghast |
|  | 1. Supplies of food and medicine are ………………… . | | | | | |
| 1. obsolete | | 1. inadequate | 1. outdated | | 1. antiquated |
|  | 1. These demands are helping to ………………… fears of civil war. | | | | | |
| 1. stoke up | | 1. flare up | 1. incite | | 1. quench |
|  | 1. He ………………… away in a ferry and landed in North Shields. | | | | | |
| 1. stowed | | 1. smuggled | 1. hid | | 1. concealed |
|  | 1. She ………………… the idea of a series of novels, each of which would reveal an aspect of Chinese life. | | | | | |
| 1. conceived | | 1. emerged | 1. envisioned | | 1. contrived |
|  | 1. Rebels say they have ………………… heavy casualties on government forces. | | | | | |
| 1. unleashed | | 1. inflicted | 1. wrought | | 1. instilled |
|  | 1. When he readily tested an early vaccine on himself, some described the act as ………………… . | | | | | |
| 1. irresolute | | 1. headstrong | 1. maddening | | 1. precarious |
|  | 1. She was small and fragile and looked ………………… in an army uniform. | | | | | |
| 1. lopsided | | 1. fitful | 1. incongruous | | 1. wispy |
|  | 1. If you’re interested in a subject, use the Internet to ………………… deeper. | | | | | |
| 1. scoop | | 1. delve | 1. dredge | | 1. burrow |
|  | 1. Harriet nervously ………………… with the pen in her hand. | | | | | |
| 1. dabbled | | 1. tampered | 1. fiddled | | 1. trifled |
|  | 1. If Europeans did not reduce subsidies, a trade war would …………………. | | | | | |
| 1. ensue | | 1. endow | 1. unravel | | 1. befall |
|  | 1. Fire may have ………………… the cargo tanks and set the oil ablaze. | | | | | |
| 1. disrupted | | 1. burst | 1. shattered | | 1. breached |
|  | 1. The meat they’d managed to procure ………………… their hunger. | | | | | |
| 1. quenched | | 1. relieved | 1. assuaged | | 1. raved |
|  | 1. It has been scientifically proven that humans have an ………………… love of nature. | | | | | |
| 1. predisposed | | 1. impulsive | 1. innate | | 1. endowed |
|  | 1. The film narrates the ………………… and brave deeds of famous medieval knights. | | | | | |
|  | 1. exemptions | | 1. exploits | 1. expansions | | 1. expletives |
|  | 1. If I had invented the book, I would be ………………… as a genius. | | | | | |
| 1. deemed | | 1. hailed | 1. exalted | | 1. addressed |
|  | 1. The furniture in the room was very ………………… and not at all luxurious. | | | | | |
| 1. sparse | | 1. antique | 1. spare | | 1. plush |
|  | 1. The bow of the yacht ………………… through the water like a knife. | | | | | |
| 1. spliced | | 1. sped | 1. sliced | | 1. hacked |
|  | 1. Large demonstrations in Germany have sought to counter a ………………… rise in racism. | | | | | |
| 1. tottering | | 1. staggering | 1. stumbling | | 1. wavering |
|  | 1. The exposed flesh and tissue below them may cause the ………………… to wince. | | | | | |
| 1. squeamish | | 1. sickly | 1. nauseated | | 1. disgusted |
|  | 1. They were completely ………………… by his refusal of the Nobel Prize. | | | | | |
| 1. anxious | | 1. dazzled | 1. nonplussed | | 1. effete |
|  | 1. Terence was a/an ………………… promoter of the new charity organisation. | | | | | |
| 1. remorseless | | 1. indefatigable | 1. unchangeable | | 1. ceaseless |
|  | 1. Her ………………… vitality to reach the end amazed us all. | | | | | |
| 1. gruelling | | 1. unflagging | 1. staunch | | 1. wearisome |
|  | 1. She got some books out of the library and ………………… herself in Jewish history and culture. | | | | | |
| 1. engulfed | | 1. sank | 1. plunged | | 1. immersed |
|  | 1. He calls himself a businessman but he’s only a/an ………………… usurer. | | | | | |
| 1. blatant | | 1. unabashed | 1. manifest | | 1. flagrant |
|  | 1. The sight of our house after the earthquake will always be ………………… in my memory. | | | | | |
| 1. stable | | 1. sustained | 1. impressed | | 1. entrenched |
|  | 1. Any adult sitting on that uncomfortably low upholstered sofa had to ………………… like a banknote. | | | | | |
| 1. crease | | 1. fold | 1. wrinkle | | 1. crumple |
|  | 1. In the elegant lobby one of the lifts ………………… open and a young woman emerged. | | | | | |
| 1. rustled | | 1. whistled | 1. splintered | | 1. swished |
|  | 1. “That,” she said in a voice that ………………… no disagreement, “Is what you’ll wear on stage.” | | | | | |
| 1. brooked | | 1. denied | 1. rebuffed | | 1. contradicted |
|  | 1. We heard a ………………… downstairs and ran down to see what was happening. | | | | | |
| 1. disorder | | 1. disruption | 1. commotion | | 1. confusion |
|  | 1. Under his mother’s scrutiny, he reckoned that the best approach was an ………………… version of the truth. | | | | | |
|  | 1. abridged | | 1. enacted | 1. economical | | 1. edited |
|  | 1. I know man is a ………………… animal but at the end of the day I feel that loneliness is a blessing. | | | | | |
| 1. party | | 1. political | 1. friendly | | 1. gregarious |
|  | 1. In my mother’s view missing the evening news is ………………… to capital sin. | | | | | |
| 1. matching | | 1. parallel | 1. alike | | 1. tantamount |
|  | 1. Shell decoration is an effective ………………… for demonstrating artistic skills. | | | | | |
| 1. method | 1. means | | 1. vehicle | | 1. drive |
|  | 1. The collections ………………… in the museum appeal to a wide public. | | | | | |
| 1. set | | 1. planted | 1. housed | | 1. homed |
|  | 1. The masterpieces can now be seen in more inspiring ………………… . | | | | | |
| 1. backgrounds | | 1. frameworks | 1. contexts | | 1. circumstances |
|  | 1. He detested the thought of any ………………… delays. | | | | | |
| 1. improper | | 1. unfounded | 1. groundless | | 1. untoward |
|  | 1. They are assisting employers in the ………………… process. | | | | | |
| 1. drafting | | 1. recruitment | 1. enrolment | | 1. conscription |
|  | 1. People should work together without friction, ………………… contributing to a positive atmosphere. | | | | | |
| 1. henceforth | | 1. thereby | 1. whereby | | 1. wherefore |
|  | 1. Assessments are not affected by any personal ………………… . | | | | | |
| 1. biases | | 1. predispositions | 1. partialities | | 1. suppositions |
|  | 1. With a feeling of dark ………………… I returned the mirror to the shop. | | | | | |
| 1. intuition | | 1. foreboding | 1. premonition | | 1. omen |
|  | 1. The man had ………………… blond hair with wisps of grey. | | | | | |
| 1. gristly | | 1. straggly | 1. sinewy | | 1. craggy |
|  | 1. The old lady put a ………………… hand on my shoulder and comforted me. | | | | | |
| 1. distorted | | 1. gnarled | 1. knotted | | 1. warped |
|  | 1. I made my way out through the swirling ………………… of dust. | | | | | |
| 1. flakes | | 1. flecks | 1. motes | | 1. mites |
|  | 1. She was out of the front door before she had even ………………… her underwear. | | | | | |
| 1. dressed | | 1. worn | 1. donned | | 1. adorned |
|  | 1. They were feeling ………………… boxed in by their small flat. | | | | | |
| 1. exclusively | | 1. extensively | 1. decidedly | | 1. drastically |
|  | 1. The ………………… house prices made moving anywhere else seem impossible. | | | | | |
| 1. extortionate | | 1. opulent | 1. poignant | | 1. mesmerising |
|  | 1. The ………………… of the exercise is to fill in the grid. | | | | | |
| 1. task | | 1. object | 1. assignment | | 1. goal |
|  | 1. Radiators can be ………………… and take up a great deal of space. | | | | | |
| 1. blatant | | 1. outstanding | 1. obtrusive | | 1. prominent |
|  | 1. She ………………… her hands in desperation. | | | | | |
| 1. wrapped | | 1. shook | 1. wrung | | 1. clinched |
|  | 1. The artist’s words defined the process of drawing precisely, ………………… simplistically. | | | | | |
| 1. even though | | 1. nevertheless | 1. albeit | | 1. all the same |
|  | 1. Many people love to watch old movies just to ………………… in nostalgia. | | | | | |
| 1. flounder | | 1. relish | 1. enjoy | | 1. wallow |
|  | 1. The boy kept his collection of coins in a tubular red ………………… . | | | | | |
| 1. container | | 1. box | 1. trunk | | 1. safe |
|  | 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. The job market on the island is ………………… rapidly. | | | | | |
| 1. reducing | | 1. limiting | 1. flattening | | 1. shrinking |
|  | 1. This city has been created by ………………… finance and technology. | | | | | |
| 1. great | | 1. high | 1. top | | 1. peak |
|  | 1. When the storm ………………… he had to decide whether to push on to the summit or stay where he was. | | | | | |
| 1. broke | 1. burst | | 1. blew | | 1. weathered |
|  | 1. Don’t ………………… over the main points so quickly! | | | | | |
| 1. slide | | 1. slip | 1. skate | | 1. ski |
|  | 1. He would have been in ………………… straits when his parachute failed to open, if he had not had a back-up. | | | | | |
| 1. appalling | | 1. dire | 1. terrible | | 1. awful |
|  | 1. He took ………………… with many of the points she made. | | | | | |
| 1. exception | | 1. issue | 1. offence | | 1. trouble |
|  | 1. She awoke with an ………………… sense of doom which she could find no reason for. | | | | | |
| 1. intelligible | | 1. intensive | 1. inedible | | 1. intangible |
|  | 1. There are two main problems which ………………… people with hearing impairments. | | | | | |
| 1. inflict | | 1. afflict | 1. subdue | | 1. suppress |
|  | 1. Those involved in tourism are ………………… about the future of the industry, claiming that it will continue to expand. | | | | | |
| 1. upbeat | | 1. upcoming | 1. upstanding | | 1. upright |
|  | 1. It’s hard to ………………… the demands of tourists with the best interests of the environment. | | | | | |
| 1. match | | 1. reconcile | 1. unite | | 1. connect |
|  | 1. The courier was always ………………… to deal with any problems that might arise. | | | | | |
| 1. on hand | | 1. to hand | 1. by hand | | 1. in hand |
|  | 1. His ………………… for the future is to retire at fifty and buy a house next to the sea. | | | | | |
| 1. sight | | 1. outlook | 1. view | | 1. vision |
|  | 1. Every summer ………………… of sightseers crowd the city. | | | | | |
| 1. droves | | 1. spates | 1. gangs | | 1. mobs |
|  | 1. Nearly every major film now has its ………………… book. | | | | | |
| 1. tie-in | | 1. out-take | 1. take-away | | 1. off-shoot |
|  | 1. The film was a bit ………………… on plot but the special effects were great. | | | | | |
| 1. poor | | 1. bad | 1. short | | 1. small |
|  | 1. Her eyes were tired from gazing at the ………………… screen of her computer all day. | | | | | |
| 1. flickering | | 1. twinkling | 1. glimmering | | 1. sparkling |
|  | 1. Many employees ………………… stress in the modern working environment. | | | | | |
| 1. bear | | 1. relieve | 1. cope | | 1. undergo |
|  | 1. We shouldn’t get ………………… down in debates over the point of this, but focus on what we are doing right! | | | | | |
| 1. bogged | | 1. boggled | 1. broken | | 1. tracked |
|  | 1. Boston is the centre of New England civilisation and the ………………… of American independence. | | | | | |
| 1. cradle | | 1. cot | 1. pram | | 1. bed |
|  | 1. This is a place where granite and glass towers rise along what once had been ………………… village lanes. | | | | | |
| 1. rutted | | 1. wrinkled | 1. creased | | 1. withered |
|  | 1. One and a half years into this war, I fear we are headed for a war of ………………… . | | | | | |
| 1. attribution | | 1. attrition | 1. retribution | | 1. repulsion |
|  | 1. Good luck! We're all ………………… for you. | | | | | |
| 1. purging | | 1. trimming | 1. rooting | | 1. pruning |
|  | 1. He gave a ………………… warning against the dangers of the arms race. | | | | | |
|  | 1. rigid | | 1. stern | 1. hard | | 1. rough |
|  | 1. The bank refused to ………………… credit to them. | | | | | |
| 1. expand | | 1. stretch | 1. prolong | | 1. extend |
|  | 1. To grasp the whole picture, envisage first the ………………… wind, blowing from east to west. | | | | | |
| 1. tunnel | | 1. power | 1. trade | | 1. turbine |
|  | 1. Jim never drank, and certainly didn't go a ………………… on gambling. | | | | | |
| 1. bundle | 1. bunch | | 1. wad | | 1. bale |
|  | 1. We need one more person for our trip, so let’s ask Joe to ………………… it. | | | | | |
| 1. be in with | | 1. be in at | | 1. be into | 1. be in on |
|  | 1. The British government ………………… by breaking off diplomatic relations. | | | | | |
| 1. retaliated | | 1. retorted | 1. resisted | | 1. revenged |
|  | 1. Save your money! Don’t ………………… through it too quickly. | | | | | |
| 1. scrape | | 1. wade | 1. go | | 1. run |
|  | 1. He had to take a ………………… of antidepressants to alleviate the distress. | | | | | |
| 1. course | | 1. treatment | 1. session | | 1. cure |
|  | 1. Recently brainstorming has ………………… into the mainstream and is now used by anyone with a problem to solve. | | | | | |
| 1. diffused | 1. extended | | 1. diversified | | 1. spread |
|  | 1. His excellent recording is a/an ………………… start to what promises to be a distinguished musical career. | | | | | |
| 1. auspicious | | 1. ostentatious | 1. ominous | | 1. audacious |
|  | 1. The doctor remained ………………… when his touch-and-go operation worsened. | | | | | |
| 1. one-headed | | 1. big-headed | 1. fair-headed | | 1. level-headed |
|  | 1. I wish our maths teacher ………………… us so much homework every day. I never have enough time to finish it. | | | | | |
| 1. wouldn’t give | | 1. couldn’t give | 1. shouldn’t give | | 1. didn’t give |
|  | 1. Take your time and think about it before you make any………………… decisions. | | | | | |
| 1. spotty | | 1. sharp | 1. prompt | | 1. snap |
|  | 1. I can’t get a job without a permit and I can’t get a permit without a job. It’s a catch ………………… situation! | | | | | |
| 1. 22 | | 1. 33 | 1. 99 | | 1. 66 |
|  | 1. Your trousers won’t ………………… if you have them dry-cleaned. | | | | | |
| 1. reduce | 1. shrink | | 1. lessen | | 1. shrivel |