

part 1 Expanding Your Vocabulary

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T e s t 1

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. "Don't delay making a decision, get hold of your ____ as they arise," my best friend advised.
(1) fates (2) inspirations (3) probabilities (4) opportunities
2. When my father was suffering from high fever, he became subconscious and ____ many odd words.
(1) disclosed (2) muttered (3) announced (4) pronounced
3. It is no wonder that the rich man's son who has been pampered all his life, would have such a/an ____ attitude.
(1) incredible (2) convincing (3) arrogant (4) amazing
4. Rather than ____ my parents, I quietly told them that I had lost nothing during the robbery.
(1) addle (2) console (3) gratify (4) pester
5. After realising that he has cancer, Mr Lim's mind has been in a state of ____ whether to have an operation.
(1) commotion (2) turmoil (3) composure (4) discomfort
6. The kind woman hopes to gather enough support to start a club for ____ animals.
(1) isolated (2) abused (3) misguided (4) misplaced
7. There is violent disagreement between both parties; I do not believe they will come to a ____ easily.
(1) climax (2) closure (3) compromise (4) finale
8. I ____ horror movies as it causes me to break out in cold sweat and have terrifying nightmares.
(1) deter (2) deject (3) detest (4) devalue
9. With Derrick's ____ personality, it is not surprising he often gets into quarrels.
(1) annoyed (2) wicked (3) pretentious (4) fussy
10. Mrs Lee was embarrassed on learning that her son had become ____ to alcohol.
(1) binded (2) addicted (3) attached (4) adhered



Test 2

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. It is ____ to Keane which pair of shoes his mother choose for him; it does not matter a bit to him.
(1) impartial (2) reluctant (3) hesitant (4) indifferent

2. Peter behaves with such ____ just because he is a rich man's son; he even refuses to speak to the maids.
(1) haughtiness (2) holiness (3) apathy (4) cruelty

3. Mr Lim has lost his job recently and is ____; he is unable to pay up his debts.
(1) incompetent (2) sluggish (3) insolvent (4) insane

4. After serving the university for over two decades, the professor was awarded a handsome ____.
(1) salary (2) pension (3) redemption (4) refund

5. The deep sounds made by the huge bell from the ____ signalled the passing of an hour.
(1) skyscraper (2) edifice (3) castle (4) belfry

6. When Lily first met the gentleman, she was so shy and ____ throughout the party.
(1) blushing (2) robotic (3) stiff (4) dizzy

7. The sight of the graceful ballet dancers brought a/an ____ applause from the audience.
(1) enthusiastic (2) systematic (3) unanimous (4) eternal

8. You must not be so foolish as to believe a/an ____ salesman who promises so much but does nothing.
(1) wild (2) candid (3) complacent (4) ingratiating

9. The captain was ____ into thinking that the image he saw was real and hence he fell for the enemy's trap.
(1) misled (2) misconstrued (3) mishandled (4) misapplied

10. This route is certainly less ____ than the one I took last time which was full of twists and made us tired.
(1) tedious (2) circular (3) tortuous (4) lethal



T e s t 3

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. Physical beauty is temporary; it will not ____ forever.
(1) function (2) endure (3) surmount (4) perform

2. The information presented in the movie is ____; everything is real and traceable.
(1) genuine (2) virtuous (3) crucial (4) confidential

3. Despite cultural differences and language ____, a mother's love for her child recognises no limits.
(1) obstructions (2) blockages (3) barriers (4) boundaries

4. Most of the travellers prefer to go on trips with ____ that combine sightseeing with shopping.
(1) calendars (2) schedules (3) itineraries (4) agendas

5. A/An ____ person by nature, Adeline was friendless even after two years with the same classmates.
(1) boastful (2) passive (3) rational (4) antisocial

6. Miss Lee is a very ____ teacher who is willing to spend extra time with the weaker students.
(1) adorable (2) influential (3) dedicated (4) liberal

7. All the children could not resist the pleasant smell of curry chicken ____ from the kitchen.
(1) filtrating (2) wafting (3) smearing (4) eluding

8. Steven's parents used to ____ him to engage in boxing matches because the games were too dangerous.
(1) confine (2) freeze (3) forbid (4) seize

9. "Please don't be offended by the ____ made by my sister yesterday. She was confused and didn't know what she was saying," advised Adeline.
(1) reports (2) descriptions (3) accounts (4) remarks

10. After years of holding down a ____ job as a typist, Dylan became a boring person who had no interest in life.
(1) natural (2) vital (3) routine (4) demanding



T e s t 4

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

- Despite being the basketball team leader for many years, Jordon still remained very humble and was willing to ____ his skills to the new players.
 (1) execute (2) import (3) impart (4) implant
- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs are merely ____ characters in fairy tales and do not exist in reality.
 (1) legendary (2) fictitious (3) mythical (4) mirthful
- I cannot believe when you said that Carrie ____ up during the discussion with you as she is mild in nature.
 (1) lighted (2) patched (3) broke (4) flared
- Celebrating Valentine's Day with your love one in a ____ setting is what most people will do.
 (1) defective (2) sensible (3) emotional (4) romantic
- "The fact we lost the the match in a terrible way is all in the past, so stop ____ over the defeat and move on," the team leader said.
 (1) moaning (2) teasing (3) chewing (4) twisting
- Having attained few achievements in a row, the young man changed from a/an ____ fellow to a boaster.
 (1) amusive (2) mellow (3) amiable (4) elegant
- To a man of few words, Patrick believes that actions are more ____ and anything else is unimportant.
 (1) efficient (2) mandatory (3) cruel (4) crucial
- It is advisable not to go ____ in this wet climate as the cliffs and slopes are so slippery and dangerous to walk on.
 (1) tailgating (2) trekking (3) canoeing (4) skiing
- Cody was so helpless during his childhood days as his parents are ____ gamblers.
 (1) disciplined (2) superior (3) fervent (4) charmed
- The sudden downpour this morning spoilt our plans for a picnic on the river ____.
 (1) soil (2) zone (3) bank (4) landscape



Test 5

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.



Test 6

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1. The purpose of going on a vacation is to enjoy moments with your family and try to forget all your worries and ____ for the time being.
 (1) inspirations (2) sorrows (3) dreads (4) greeds

2. If Miguel could be more hardworking in his studies just like the way he ____ his interest for his hobbies, he would have made it to university.
 (1) exposed (2) activated (3) demonstrated (4) displayed

3. The residents were annoyed by the salesman's ____; the latter came knocking on their door everyday and was overly-persistent.
 (1) techniques (2) tactics (3) schemes (4) patterns

4. Father's stubborn behaviour is making it very difficult for us to widen his ____ to see our point of view.
 (1) will (2) concept (3) belief (4) mindset

5. The tourists watched in ____ as the dolphins flipped over the trainer easily during the performance.
 (1) lunacy (2) suspicion (3) amazement (4) illusion

6. Who would have thought that the ____ boy would act so brave to rescue the baby from the burning house.
 (1) noble (2) stately (3) diffident (4) reckless

7. The soccer player was ____ for tackling his opponent unfairly during a football match.
 (1) remanded (2) penalised (3) expelled (4) executed

8. If you are not able to get a right way to solve a problem quickly, you should ____ the way of others.
 (1) seek (2) comply (3) enquire (4) consult

9. My uncle decided to ____ from liquor as his doctor had warned him that excessive drinking was harmful to his health.
 (1) ban (2) abstain (3) discard (4) recede

10. Many Singaporeans are ____ in both English and their mother tongue.
 (1) productive (2) efficient (3) proficient (4) fertile

Test 7



Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. The young gymnastics player gave a graceful performance that won the spectators' _____.
 (1) merit (2) applause (3) distinction (4) blessing

2. It takes a long time to build up a good ____ but it can disappear instantly by just one mistake or bad behaviour.
 (1) figure (2) identity (3) nickname (4) reputation

3. It is better to be by yourself than to be with people who can ____ your mind or morals.
 (1) irrupt (2) corrupt (3) interrupt (4) contaminate

4. A person who speaks in a loud voice or ____ a lot in public need not be taken seriously.
 (1) blasts (2) brags (3) preaches (4) disseminate

5. When faced with difficulties, we should solve them fearlessly and try not to ____ them.
 (1) delete (2) rectify (3) dilute (4) evade

6. We should not waste time on small matters because in doing so, we may ____ the more important matter itself.
 (1) cease (2) mislay (3) abolish (4) neglect

7. The military facility is housed in a large ____ with extremely tight security.
 (1) campus (2) compound (3) arena (4) district

8. "How can you save when your ____ is more than what you earn?" my mother asked me.
 (1) output (2) deposit (3) pension (4) expenditure

9. "It's your ____ duty to care for your old parents," Mr Ang told his cousin in a serious manner.
 (1) assigned (2) fateful (3) filial (4) nominated

10. Madam Wong threatened to call the police when she caught the boy ____ on her property.
 (1) transmitting (2) trespassing (3) penetrating (4) invading



T e s t 8

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. The rebellious boy was suspended from school for a week because of his ____ behaviour.
(1) irritable (2) fussy (3) defiant (4) hypocritical

2. Your parents will ____ you and share your happiness when you are growing up.
(1) trace (2) attach (3) shadow (4) accompany

3. Although Michael is a very good ____ who runs 100 metres race at top speed, he does not have enough stamina for long distance running.
(1) hiker (2) ambler (3) sprinter (4) trainee

4. "Please don't ____ on the harm that my ex-girlfriend has done to me," said Peter in a bitter manner.
(1) smash (2) stab (3) dwell (4) impact

5. "It's better to stop something bad than find a/an ____ for it afterwards, it may be too late," advised my teacher.
(1) curative (2) remedy (3) treatment (4) solution

6. "If you face a ____ in your life, don't give up easily and continue to work hard," my father advised me.
(1) assault (2) ambush (3) disturbance (4) setback

7. Although it is good to be ____, you still should make plans in case something goes wrong.
(1) stubborn (2) humorous (3) subjective (4) positive

8. "Don't ____ with something in school that does not concern you," my mother advised me.
(1) interrupt (2) interfere (3) intercept (4) interact

9. The ____ man who donated ten thousand dollars to the orphanage wished to remain unknown.
(1) harsh (2) insolvent (3) benevolent (4) beneficial

10. It is a natural part of the growing-up process for boys or girls to be ____ or unruly.
(1) mistreated (2) guilty (3) disgraceful (4) mischievous



T e s t 9

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. The stylish youngster looked rather outstanding among the people because of his ____ clothes.
(1) wretched (2) muddy (3) innovative (4) outrageous

2. "As the one in charge of discipline, you should be firm in enforcing the ____," Mrs Lee told the class monitor.
(1) traditions (2) contracts (3) regulations (4) campaigns

3. Timothy try to ____ his best friend from joining the group of naughty students in school.
(1) disable (2) dissuade (3) distract (4) discharge

4. Fire proved to be a ____ disaster when out of control. So one needs to be careful when handling it.
(1) toxic (2) demoralising (3) devastating (4) malicious

5. The young man ____ behaviour brought up the suspicious of the people in the neighbourhood.
(1) active (2) creative (3) furtive (4) seductive

6. A/An ____ success can give you the confidence and courage to go on and target greater goals.
(1) almost (2) initial (3) primary (4) elementary

7. You will win peoples' heart with friendly, sympathetic words rather than with angry or ____ comments.
(1) sour (2) splendid (3) sarcastic (4) inane

8. Think carefully about the possible outcomes before you make an ____ decision.
(1) irresistible (2) irrelevant (3) irrevocable (4) invincible

9. Last night, a crazy man ____ seventeen innocent people with a 'parang' in the neighbourhood.
(1) slid (2) lashed (3) slashed (4) punched

10. My neighbour is building a ____ for his dog in his backyard.
(1) cave (2) kennel (3) cottage (4) bungalow



Test 10

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. As the flood did not ____ until five days later, many villagers were trapped in their houses.
(1) succeed (2) sustain (3) subside (4) subsidise

2. It is ____ to complete the project in two weeks as the topic is not very difficult.
(1) visible (2) flexible (3) feasible (4) incapable

3. After a hard day's work, my father would usually ____ in his armchair and read newspapers.
(1) idle (2) station (3) gesture (4) retire

4. A fine of \$500 has been ____ to discourage people from littering.
(1) installed (2) restored (3) imposed (4) enforced

5. The disagreement between the stallholders was quickly settled by the inspector before a ____ arose.
(1) riot (2) emotion (3) commotion (4) unrest

6. The youngest pianist 's performance was so good that it shocked all the ____ who had taken part in the competition.
(1) enemies (2) applicants (3) underdogs (4) candidates

7. "Please ____ from talking loudly in hospital as you may disturb the patients," the nurse advised.
(1) relish (2) refrain (3) obstruct (4) impede

8. Yesterday, Sierra was warned by her form teacher about the ____ of her coming late to school.
(1) ratio (2) proportion (3) frequency (4) statistic

9. It seems unbelievable that the children who were quiet and ____ a few minutes ago are now so lively.
(1) withdrawn (2) trashed (3) giddy (4) perplexed

10. After six days of being trapped in the snow storm without food, the rescued victims were so hungry and ____ on everything available.
(1) sucked (2) fed (3) digested (4) utilised



T e s t 11

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

Test 12



Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. Aunt Nancy is a ____ woman in her late fifties who still dances hip-hop at home regularly.
(1) contented (2) competent (3) reserved (4) sprightly

2. Bobby lost the tennis match because he was overconfident and had ____ his opponent.
(1) underlaid (2) understated (3) underrated (4) understood

3. Mr Choo is a great man who has been taking extra part-time jobs to support his family during this time of ____.
(1) downslope (2) crisis (3) tragedy (4) mischance

4. Confidence is an important ____ for a healthy self-esteem.
(1) tool (2) capacity (3) particle (4) ingredient

5. The famous writer promised to provide his ____ story to the newspapers once he completed writing it.
(1) inclusive (2) exclusive (3) individual (4) independent

6. Before we could present our suggestions to the organiser, the plan was ____ and nothing came of it.
(1) diverted (2) vanished (3) evaporated (4) aborted

7. It is a common ____ to have crows coming into the garden in the morning.
(1) reality (2) development (3) occurrence (4) coincidence

8. The new cashier thought no one saw him when he ____ some money from the cash register but in fact, he was spotted by the shop owner unknowingly.
(1) cheated (2) deceived (3) fished (4) conned

9. The poor widow works as a ____ at a tailor shop to earn a slim income to support her family.
(1) seamstress (2) milliner (3) housekeeper (4) chambermaid

10. The young ____ is such a humble man who does not like to talk about his success and wealth.
(1) celebrant (2) celebrity (3) miser (4) tyrant



Test 13

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. This test will clearly ____ the stronger students from the weaker ones as it involves high level thinking skills.
 (1) isolate (2) capture (3) distinguish (4) acknowledge

2. The young swimmer ____ himself in water to test how long he can hold his breath.
 (1) wrapped (2) buried (3) immersed (4) drowned

3. Vincent was ____ by Jane's unpredictable behaviour towards him; on some occasions, she would be extremely friendly but at other times, cold.
 (1) embarrassed (2) victimised (3) appalled (4) puzzled

4. As a teacher in a ____ school, Miss Lee gets bright and hardworking students and never has to worry about their test results.
 (1) extreme (2) prestigious (3) luxurious (4) wealthy

5. The salesman tried very hard to persuade the customer but the latter made no ____ in buying his products.
 (1) duty (2) echo (3) responsibility (4) commitment

6. I can see the ____ of discotheque dancing to many youngsters. But I would much rather stay at home and read a book.
 (1) trick (2) appeal (3) illusion (4) addiction

7. The old church is a historic ____ that tourists to the country should visit.
 (1) logo (2) symbol (3) landmark (4) landscape

8. Modest by nature, Matthew did not have enough courage to wear the ____ shirt to school that day.
 (1) lousy (2) gaudy (3) crummy (4) ordinary

9. You should apologise to Colin after having caused him so much trouble. It is your moral ____.
 (1) mission (2) penalty (3) obligation (4) compensation

10. The famous writer was ____ because he wrote untrue stories about the wealthy woman.
 (1) grasped (2) condemned (3) prosecuted (4) harassed



Test 14

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. The ____ will be hang today for the murder of ten people.
 (1) convict (2) suspect (3) victim (4) refugee

2. It was curious and surprising to see Mr Bean sitting with his rival. It was extremely ____.
 (1) terrifying (2) disputable (3) ironic (4) problematic

3. My sister would like to date a man with a good heart and lots of compassion. To her, looks are not a/an ____.
 (1) urgency (2) priority (3) benefit (4) testimonial

4. My serious friend told us that she was leaving her clerical job to become a ____ to bring laughter to people. It was the last thing we expected her to do.
 (1) fool (2) donkey (3) buffoon (4) comedian

5. The new teacher warned us that she would not tolerate ____ in her class. She had no hesitation in dismissing them from her lessons.
 (1) trickers (2) slackers (3) optimists (4) pessimists

6. Simon has a/an ____ personality so he makes friends easily.
 (1) idiotic (2) reliant (3) engaging (4) possessive

7. The chalet overlooks a beautiful and ____ lake; the atmosphere there is most peaceful.
 (1) stiff (2) placid (3) solemn (4) gentle

8. The angry mother forced her way into the classroom and ____ accusations at the teacher for mistreating her child recently.
 (1) hurled (2) grumbled (3) expressed (4) declared

9. "Don't be selfish and ____ the story books if you're not reading them," Mrs Wong told her son.
 (1) compile (2) hoard (3) deposit (4) assemble

10. "Don't gamble ____ in the two newly-opened casinos in Singapore. Otherwise, you'll regret it," my father warned me.
 (1) passively (2) royally (3) impulsively (4) enthusiastically



Test 15

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. Mr Wong could not enter the _____ hotel as he was poorly dressed that evening.
 (1) budget (2) infamous (3) posh (4) photogenic

2. All the while, Allison had pretended to be Jada's friend while spreading _____ rumours about her.
 (1) awkward (2) malicious (3) inferior (4) barbarous

3. Nobody wished to listen to the teachers or do any work after the examinations. The situation in class was _____ and out of control.
 (1) agitated (2) lethal (3) chaotic (4) scandalous

4. The army camp was even more closely guarded after a/an _____ was found on the ground.
 (1) alien (2) insider (3) intruder (4) pauper

5. Timothy is a _____ chess player who represents our school in the inter-school competition.
 (1) notorious (2) formidable (3) conservative (4) demented

6. It is the police's job to go after the wicked man as fast as possible in case he commits more _____ crimes.
 (1) dramatic (2) effective (3) vicious (4) magnificent

7. Even though the outcomes are disappointing, the beginner's courage and _____ are fantastic.
 (1) motive (2) desperation (3) desire (4) resolution

8. The speaker hopes that he has _____ his message effectively to the audience.
 (1) imparted (2) conveyed (3) delivered (4) transferred

9. The children were amused by the comical _____ performed by the clowns at the circus.
 (1) patterns (2) imitations (3) fashions (4) responses

10. "If you don't take a break, you'll become exhausted after _____ work," my mother warned.
 (1) petty (2) clumsy (3) intensive (4) integrated



Test 16

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. The students in this camp come from primary one to primary six classes. Indeed, they are all ____ up.
 (1) united (2) blended (3) jumbled (4) aggregated

- The passenger in the plane had ____ himself to his seats before the plane took off.
 (1) halted (2) tightened (3) confined (4) buckled

3. The pickpocket was ____ at last by the police and punished accordingly for his immoral behaviour.
 (1) deterred (2) rebuked (3) counselled (4) apprehended

4. The old principal is retiring at the end of the year and his post will be ____ by his assistant.
 (1) proceeded (2) succeeded (3) possessed (4) sustained

5. Most of the passengers were ____ after the crash. Fortunately, no one suffered serious injuries.
 (1) mild (2) moody (3) stunned (4) abused

6. "Apply this insect ____ on your arms and legs to keep away the mosquitoes," advised my mother.
 (1) mixture (2) solvent (3) remedy (4) repellent

7. The young man ____ out all his secrets while he was in a drunken state.
 (1) poured (2) blasted (3) leaked (4) spilled

8. Derrick's love for dancing is so great that even his parents cannot stop him from ____ it.
 (1) chasing (2) tracking (3) pursuing (4) tagging

9. In China, most of the ancient tombs have been thoroughly ____ by robbers searching for treasures.
 (1) raided (2) extracted (3) stripped (4) ransacked

10. Our new principal is a ____ woman who has neither the patience for nonsense nor rule-breaking behaviour.
 (1) rigid (2) lenient (3) mingy (4) compromising



Test 17

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. It is hard to imagine how someone can survive on such ____ each month.
 (1) deposit (2) ransom (3) bonus (4) pittance

2. The recent kidnappings in the village has ____ residents to pay more attention to their children.
 (1) triggered (2) enticed (3) prompted (4) enabled

3. Being a ____ Christian, Vincent has decided to spend his entire life to his religion.
 (1) licensed (2) appropriate (3) devout (4) habitual

4. Mr Teng is such a/an ____ officer; it is no wonder he was chosen to receive the knight's honour.
 (1) concrete (2) eminent (3) prominent (4) apparent

5. Having worked so hard for the past few months, a trip to Bali is certainly a/an ____ idea for the clerk.
 (1) alluring (2) profitable (3) astonishing (4) convincing

6. Aaron ____ his success in the examination to the encouragement that his family had given him.
 (1) assigned (2) attributed (3) distributed (4) contributed

7. The old woman would often ____ out the window, recalling her days of blissful childhood.
 (1) gaze (2) stare (3) observe (4) glare

8. Do not give a beautiful or precious thing to a person who is totally unable to ____ its value.
 (1) cherish (2) testify (3) distinguish (4) weigh

9. After a careful calculation, we still have a ____ of \$500 and we have no idea where this extra sum came about.
 (1) gap (2) residual (3) leftover (4) surplus

10. "You should weigh the ____ of working overseas before you decide to take on the job," Mr Lee advised his son.
 (1) black and white (2) pros and cons (3) highs and lows (4) bread and butter



Test 18

Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. Stop blaming yourself for a ____ that you could not prevent.
(1) mishap (2) misdeed (3) mischief (4) misconception
2. After years of clerical work, Mrs Tang became a ____ person who had no interest in life.
(1) boorish (2) tender (3) stubborn (4) monotonous
3. As Melissa is infected by the virus, she is a ____ and has to be separated from others immediately.
(1) casualty (2) carrier (3) agent (4) bomb
4. I could not believe it when you said that Carrie blew up for I know her to have a good ____.
(1) wit (2) quality (3) criterion (4) temperament
5. Benny loves gatherings where everybody gets to ____ around and talk about the good old days.
(1) connect (2) entangle (3) mingle (4) concentrate
6. Despite ____ from his wife to go for a medical checkup, the stubborn man still refused to see a doctor.
(1) yells (2) pleas (3) speeches (4) commands
7. The creature in the movie was so ____ that the audience screamed with fright when it appeared.
(1) rare (2) unique (3) hideous (4) mischievous
8. The old beggar had ____ hair and an unwashed face. It was clear that he had not had a shower for a long time.
(1) unkempt (2) unaligned (3) unaltered (4) undeveloped
9. We received news that terrorists had ____ the planes, killing hundreds of passengers on board.
(1) snatched (2) gripped (3) hijacked (4) kidnapped
10. The best player's withdrawal from our soccer team has weakened us ____.
(1) precisely (2) horribly (3) substantially (4) overwhelmingly

Test 19



Pick the most suitable answer and write its number in the blank provided.

1. The ____ of the ceremony delivered a nice speech to welcome the guest of honour to the event.
 (1) *instructor* (2) *supervisor* (3) *emcee* (4) *mentor*

2. Because the residents living near the coast faced certain approaching danger, they were quickly _____.
 (1) *channelled* (2) *dislocated* (3) *evacuated* (4) *dissolved*

3. Unlike the other shops in the mall, this ____ offers a wide range of clothes at affordable prices.
 (1) *kiosk* (2) *booth* (3) *parlour* (4) *boutique*

4. Unable to pay his rent for a few months, the poor tenant was ____ from the house by the landlord.
 (1) *evicted* (2) *discarded* (3) *trailed* (4) *bombarded*

5. The lazy boy was ____ by his mother for doing his homework in a sloppy manner.
 (1) *threatened* (2) *apprised* (3) *rebuked* (4) *protested*

6. The room was so clean that there was not a ____ of dust anywhere.
 (1) *batch* (2) *pack* (3) *sack* (4) *speck*

7. At first, we were ____ about whether the two brothers could work together, but it turned out that our worries were baseless.
 (1) *elusive* (2) *preconceived* (3) *apprehensive* (4) *superstitious*

8. "Please drive carefully as this road is narrow and full of ____," Mrs Lim advised her husband.
 (1) *pits* (2) *gaps* (3) *potholes* (4) *cavities*

9. In order to gain ____, the man attempted to climb up the tallest building in the world within two hours.
 (1) *honour* (2) *reputation* (3) *feedback* (4) *publicity*

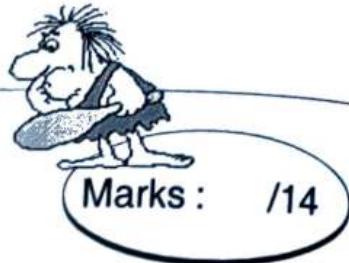
10. Looking at the poor environment in which the orphan lived, the generous man was determined to ease his _____.
 (1) *mess* (2) *illness* (3) *misery* (4) *confusion*



Test 20

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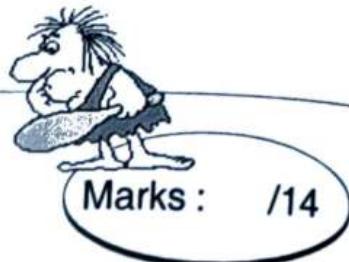
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 (1) edited (2) torn (3) hemmed (4) hammered
- The young ballet dancer performed very well and won a/an ____ applause from the audience.
 (1) weird (2) united (3) unanimous (4) biased
- I could smell the ____ of coffee the moment I stepped into the café.
 (1) wave (2) breeze (3) flavour (4) aroma
- I have ____ many types of people before but none of them as rude as my present neighbour.
 (1) confronted (2) collided (3) supervised (4) encountered
- The cardboard structure was so ____ that all of us were afraid it would collapse anytime.
 (1) flimsy (2) fragile (3) fallible (4) inflammable
- There is huge misunderstanding between both parties; I do not believe they will come to a ____ easily.
 (1) consent (2) endurance (3) compromise (4) transaction
- "I heard a loud ____ next door! I think someone needs help," my roommate said.
 (1) roar (2) signal (3) gossip (4) shriek
- The boys tried to ____ a few bottles of beer into their bedroom for a party, but their plan was failed in the end as their father discovered about it.
 (1) abduct (2) sneak (3) deceive (4) smuggle
- After being told that I was not allowed to ____ through the books by the shopkeeper, I decided to leave the bookshop and buy my books from another friendlier store.
 (1) vet (2) surf (3) browse (4) scan
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2. Please (affirm, confirm) your attendance by signing on this form.
3. The driver was not careful when he was (reversing, retreating) his car and accidentally knocked down an old lady.
4. The (objection, objective) of the game is to see which team scores the highest number of points.
5. This television programme was appreciated only by a (minimum, minority) of viewers.
6. The (moral, morale) of the soldiers is quite low as they have not had enough sleep or food for weeks.
7. Winnie received an (honorary, honourable) award in recognition of her work for charities.
8. Claudia does not give me a reply but merely (absent, assents) to my proposal by nodding her head.
9. Bernard let his emotions run away with him as he had (compressed, suppressed) them for a long time.
10. At the airport, my father gave me a farewell (hag, hug) before I boarded the plane.
11. Cally has been elected as the class (perfect, prefect) because she displays strong leadership.
12. In a state of (panic, picnic), Mrs Lee injured herself when a pot of hot water tipped over her.
13. I (distrust, mistrust) Derrick who used to be my best friend; he betrayed me by revealing all my secrets to my enemy.
14. The poor boy was (remitted, admitted) to hospital due to a serious burns.

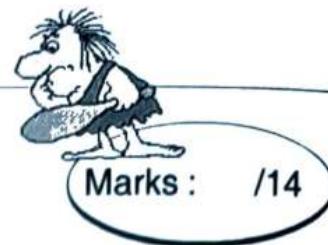


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2. "Don't try to (compare, compere) yourself with others as everybody is different," my mother advised.
3. "One of my favourite ice-cream (flavours, favours) is chocolate, but it always runs out before I can buy one," declares the child.
4. Mr Wong's early death was a great (tragedy, strategy) to his family.
5. The monitor was (specially, especially) kind to the new girl in class.
6. My parent brought me to the theme park as a (award, reward) for doing well in my examinations.
7. The (external, exterior) surface of the wall needs a new coat of paint but the poor family cannot afford it.
8. The quick blow to the boxer's face was so (fatal, fateful) that he fainted immediately.
9. The (finder, founder) of the lost golden ring will be rewarded handsomely by the rich couple.
10. "You have to wear your smart uniform as it is a (former, formal) party," Mrs Lee told her son.
11. Mrs Lim has a (inability, disability) since young which prevents her from walking.
12. "Can you (locate, allocate) the area by referring to the map?" the instructor asked the trainees.
13. On the day of her departure for England, her (numerical, numerous) friends came to see her off at the airport.
14. The rich and handsome man is considered an (eligible, illegible) bachelor among his female friends.

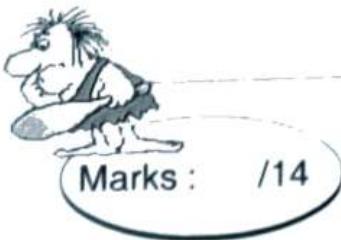


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1. It is difficult to (guess, predict) what the weather will be like tomorrow as I am not a weather forecaster.
2. Under the dim light of moon, we saw the (shade, shadow) of a dog on the pavement.
3. This brand of kitchen appliance may cost a bit more but you are paying for its (quality, quantity).
4. Liverpool won three (successful, successive) football matches against Everton after they played with each other three times this year.
5. The poor (empire, umpire) lost count of the score during the tennis match.
6. During the formal occasion, all the guests were attired in (ceremonious, ceremonial) dresses.
7. If you pour hot water into a glass, put a spoon in first to (absorb, adsorb) the heat.
8. You should be clear and (precise, concise) in your presentation and not deliver one that will last for three hours.
9. The hikers had to move along the (path, pavement) by the river bank with great caution as it was very narrow.
10. Daniel insisted on paying for the meal as he was feeling (general, generous) and wanted to give me a treat.
11. To make a claim for damages incurred, you have to send a claim form to the (assurance, insurance) company.
12. The novel had been turned into a television series because of its (population, popularity).
13. We should save our earth by saving the natural (recourses, resources).
14. I am glad that the pill is able to (terminate, alleviate) your pain and lessen your discomfort.



Test 6

Pick the correct words in the brackets to complete each sentence.

1. I cannot leave my sister behind to (cook, cope) on her own as she is not an independent person.
2. The old man stood with tears running down his face as he felt (touched, touched) by the passions of the volunteers.
3. I (bumped, bumbled) into and nearly knocked down a person at the bus stop.
4. "Come on, own up ! Who did it? Be brave and confess, I'll not be (hard, harsh) on you," the principal asked the students.
5. It was a period of his life that the old man wanted to put behind as it was filled with bad (summaries, memories).
6. We spent the whole evening playing around with bits of string as we were feeling (board, bored).
7. He put both his hands into his trouser pockets and started (wishing, whistling).
8. My best friend put a hand on my shoulder and tried to (confront, comfort) me as I was full of grief.
9. Pull that gate back before the dog gets out as it is always (eagle, eager) to escape.
10. I often (hand, hang) around after classes to ask questions so as to clear my mind of doubts.
11. If I do (smash, strike) it rich in the lottery, I will put the money towards buying a new car.
12. Take your shoes home and wash off the (mud, mark) and sand accumulated from jogging.
13. The proud (heir, hare) lost the race to the slow but steady turtle.
14. A private detective has been (assigned, designed) to find out whether she is cheating on her husband.



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Test 7

Pick the correct words in the brackets to complete each sentence.

1. Samuel couldn't see through the clouds of white dust as the dirt particles blocked his (scope, vision).
2. The pain experienced from a pet bite can sometimes be (outside, beyond) endurance.
3. The two angry men decided to settle their quarrel with a (deal, duel) fought with deadly weapons.
4. "To clean off the stain, you should rub it with soap until a (ladder, lather) is produced," my mother said.
5. At nine o'clock, my father sat down for (super, supper) and got ready for a tasty meal.
6. "Stop pulling me around and don't use such (force, violence) on me again!" said the little boy to the school bully.
7. I (persuaded, dissuaded) my brother from buying another camera as he already had three at home.
8. "I couldn't move in until next month as the place was presently occupied by other (users, tenants)," the foreigner said.
9. My boss decided to (hire, hair) the older candidate as he was more experienced and was previously working in the same industry as our company.
10. Linda always has a way to make her baby brother laugh, (somewhere, somehow, somewhat) or the other.
11. The doctor advised the patient to relax as she was suffering from (stretch, stress).
12. Eating a (juicy, watery) watermelon on a hot day is simply heavenly.
13. The village was totally destroyed by the recent volcanic (irruption, eruption).
14. The soldiers (swear, pledge) their loyalty to their motherland before the war.



Test 8

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- I gave my uncle a call to (enquire, inquire) after his health as I wanted to know how he was getting by.
- All passengers heading to the airport must (alight, delight) at the MRT station to change trains.
- Linda is a (grateful, graceful) and attractive lady who comes from a rich family.
- The (inane, insane) man is very temperamental and is often seen behaving violently towards his family.
- Our group leader is the one who (oversees, overlooks) the overall work progress of this project.
- A beautiful and sweet girl will easily (catch, capture) the hearts of young men.
- "Don't (wave, waste) your energy trying to convince Terry to take part in the drama," my friend advised.
- "Who (discovered, founded) our country and when is our National Day?" the History teacher asked us.
- The manufacturers will have to repair that watch free of charge as it is still under (licence, warranty).
- Thousands of people were missing and (resumed, presumed) dead during the war.
- There was a (gossip, rumour) that the millionaire had been killed in the fire yet his body was never found.
- My father is very (optimal, optimistic) about my results in the coming examinations.
- This restaurant serves a special mango (desert, dessert) among other sweet delicacies.
- To make the cake, the housewife (combined, blended) the eggs and butter.



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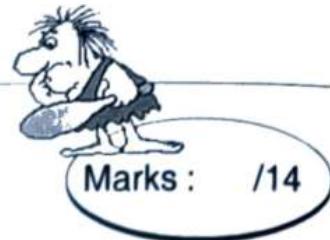
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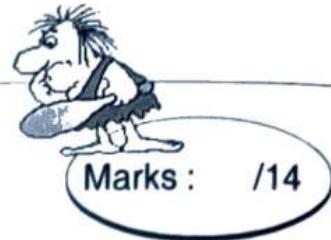
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- As the (major, majority) of workers are on holiday, the office is very quiet.
- Jimmy did not listen to his teacher's (instructive, instruction) and ended up doing all his assignments wrongly.
- Mr Tan, who is a frequent traveller, only packs clothing and other (needs, necessities) like toiletries whenever he travels.
- The team lost their morale in the first half of the match, but quickly picked up their (confidant, confidence) in the second half and eventually won.
- It is dangerous to drive after drinking alcohol as the (conclusions, consequences) can be fatal.
- Smoking is not (permitted, admitted) in air-conditioned rooms as it will pollute the environment.
- It is inconvenient for Dickson to travel to school everyday because the school is (far, distant) from his house.
- Hilary decided to bring the puppy home because it looked so (sorrowful, pitiful) wagging its tail.
- Jennifer has to practise on her piano for two hours everyday to prepare for an (incoming, upcoming) concert.
- "Don't (halt, pause) before reaching your goal," the instructor advised.
- Kidnappers always keep their (prisoners, captives) in a secret place so that no one can find them.
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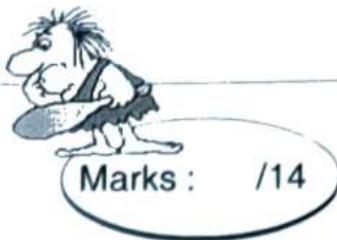
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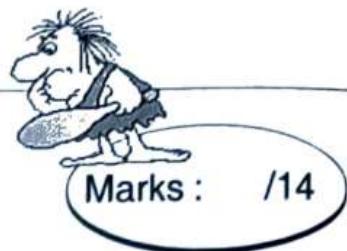
1. Lina's mother brought her to the Botanic Garden as the (climate, weather) was fine.
2. Please remember to dress formally when you attend Herbert's (marriage, wedding) dinner tomorrow.
3. Since Dylan has a medical history of asthma, he is (exempted, excluded) from physical training.
4. The choir was singing Christmas songs and their voices were in (symphony, harmony) with one another.
5. Having been trained as a (chef, chief) in the past, my mother always cooks tasty Chinese food for us.
6. Several (priceless, valueless) antique vases will be on display at the museum during the exhibition.
7. The children are advised not to go near their grandfather as he is in an (irritating, irritable) mood.
8. You have to be (correctly, properly) attired before you can attend the ceremony.
9. The team members have to listen to the (commands, comments) of their leader.
10. The teacher takes the school children on an (exclusion, excursion) to let them learn more about science and nature.
11. The traffic policeman uses hand (signals, languages) to indicate when the pedestrians can cross the road.
12. The students have been tasked to complete their school (project, subject) in groups of four and then present it to the class.
13. "You must have (wronged, mistaken) him for another handsome actor," my sister said.
14. The maid always takes care of the proper (proposal, disposal) of the rubbish.



Test 13

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1. The police searched the car in a (through, thorough) manner before they found the drugs.
2. Please ensure that your safety belt is securely (buttoned, fastened) before the aeroplane takes off.
3. Mrs Lim is unable to face the (fact, affair) that her precious son is dead and keeps crying day and night.
4. Thomas has to (summit, submit) his application form before the closing date in order to qualify for the competition.
5. Melissa displayed her (genuine, genius) in music by performing in the concert.
6. The rented flat is just a (temporal, temporary) place of stay for the foreigner.
7. The various (artists, artistes) signed autographs for their fans at the shopping complex.
8. Mr Teo has to pack his belongings in a (compact, compressed) manner so that they can fit into his small suitcase.
9. To earn some (profit, interest) on her savings, Mrs Lee decides to deposit her money into a bank.
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11. The factory was unable to meet the production (deadline, dateline) when the machines became inoperable as a result of power failure.
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Test 13

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1. The police searched the car in a (through, thorough) manner before they found the drugs.
2. Please ensure that your safety belt is securely (buttoned, fastened) before the aeroplane takes off.
3. Mrs Lim is unable to face the (fact, affair) that her precious son is dead and keeps crying day and night.
4. Thomas has to (summit, submit) his application form before the closing date in order to qualify for the competition.
5. Melissa displayed her (genuine, genius) in music by performing in the concert.
6. The rented flat is just a (temporal, temporary) place of stay for the foreigner.
7. The various (artists, artistes) signed autographs for their fans at the shopping complex.
8. Mr Teo has to pack his belongings in a (compact, compressed) manner so that they can fit into his small suitcase.
9. To earn some (profit, interest) on her savings, Mrs Lee decides to deposit her money into a bank.
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2. To avoid getting water into your eyes during swimming, you have to wear (goggles, glasses).
3. The models have to be at the (side, site) of the photo shoot by five in the morning.
4. I can (access, excess) the comic books from this shop easily as I work here.
5. My grandmother (grumbles, mumbles) that the new maid is lazy and does not take good care of her.
6. There is only one (occupier, occupant) living in that apartment.
7. Gillian is a young pianist with (abnormal, extraordinary) talent. She has been performing since the age of six.
8. The familiarity of the surroundings brought back (faded, faint) memories to my grandmother.
9. A surgery may help to remove some of the cancerous cells but the chance of a complete recovery is (thin, slim).
10. Mr Thong (received, deceived) an award from the Singapore Police Force for his bravery in helping to nab the robber.
11. The students were waiting anxiously around the (news, notice) board for their examination results.
12. The women have to sign up for the beauty (pigeon, pageant) to contest for the title of 'Miss Beautiful'.
13. Robson was under a lot of (pressure, pleasure) after taking over the family business following his father's sudden death.
14. By the time the man reached the hospital, he had lost too much blood and was (pronounced, announced) dead.



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1. My ex-supervisor (introduces, recommends) me for the job because he is pleased with my work performance.
2. By shaking the box, Henry can guess that it (contains, consists) several balls.
3. The scientist spent several months on his research before he (invented, discovered) the drug.
4. My friend was one of the (torch, touch) bearers during the Youth Olympic Games held in Singapore this year.
5. It was (fanatic, fantastic) concert; the audience gave a standing ovation for the outstanding performance.
6. As Jennifer was late in (reacting, responding) to the invitation, she was not allowed to attend the party.
7. Be (bare, brief) and concise in your presentation, otherwise the audience will get bored.
8. The naughty student could not pay attention in class and his mind often (wondered, wandered) off.
9. Mrs Neo has a (youthful, junior) look even though she is already in her thirties.
10. "You shouldn't walk in the (centre, middle) of the road!" my mother shouted at my brother.
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12. This book (consists, comprises) of several chapters. It will take a while before Dawn can finish reading it.
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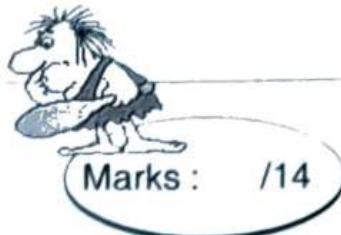


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2. Please (avoid, ignore) the letter if you have made payment for the service.
3. I cannot see any (deference, difference) between the two; they look exactly the same to me.
4. Dickson was (unqualified, disqualified) as he failed to obey the rules of the game.
5. As a policeman, it is Mr Siew's duty to catch the criminal and bring him to (justice, judgement).
6. David does not want to pay such high fees for the class because he does not find it (worthy, worthwhile).
7. Danielle did not (admit, allow) pets in her house ever since she was bitten by a bulldog.
8. Smoking during pregnancy definitely (affects, effects) the well-being of the unborn child.
9. The magician seems to have an (invisible, invincible) force that can make the handkerchief fly.
10. Laura bought the piano even though it was (expansive, expensive) because she needed it badly.
11. This detective book comes in a series. The next (copy, issue) will be out in a month's time.
12. Mrs Wee took a handful of rice from the (sack, stack) and put it into the cooker.
13. Mr Todd has a (instinctive, distinctive) style of signing his name that is easy to recognise.
14. Carlson still (hesitant, considerate) about whether to go abroad or to remain in Singapore for his studies.



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1. There is no (definite, defined) answer to this essay question. It depends on how you understand the question.
2. The doctor assured me that with proper medication, my wound will (heal, heel) in no time.
3. After the war, the retired men led a (peaceable, peaceful) life in the tiny fishing village.
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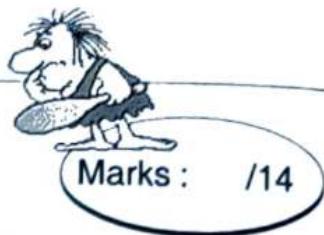


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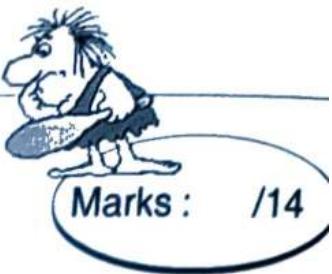
1. Going to school with (died, dyed) hair and a tongue ring are definitely unacceptable.
2. The house was poorly decorated - the only (finishing, furnishings) were a set of sofa and an old wooden table.
3. On learning that his son's monthly spending has shot up extremely high, Mr Lee decides to terminate all his (debit, credit) allowances.
4. Mrs Lee likes to order pizza from this restaurant because the delivery is fast and (proficient, efficient).
5. Romeo can tell from Juliet's (expression, depression) that she does not like the cake she has just tasted.
6. This is just a personal and (subjective, objective) comment about your dressing.
7. Anna lost the chess competition because she (underestimated, overestimated) her opponent.
8. The prince will (rule, operate) the entire kingdom after the king passes away.
9. The students have to (gather, accumulate) at the assembly hall every morning before they attend lessons in class.
10. Durian is a/an (occasional, seasonal) fruit and is only available in certain months of the year.
11. Karen decides to accept her boyfriend's marriage (disposal, proposal) after dating him for two years.
12. John is a (joyous, humourous) guy who can make anyone laugh on any occasion.
13. The (patch, batch) of goods will be arriving in the next shipment in two days' time.
14. My cousin is a busybody who likes to (park, poke) his nose into other people's affairs.



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1. Rachael is (disguised, disgusted) whenever someone picks his or her nose before her because she finds it a bad habit.
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3. Mr Brown enjoys discounts on airfares whenever he goes overseas because he is a (sequent, frequent) traveller.
4. As an experienced swimmer, Caleb feels that it is dangerous to swim during high (tie, tide).
5. The clown was dressed in a comical (attire, costume) and was making funny faces to the audience.
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1. Melissa cried when she saw children dying of (starvation, salvation) in Africa.
2. Cody is unable to attend the party because he has a/an (date, engagement) with a customer.
3. There is no point in being (mystery, miserable) and crying over spilt milk when the incident is already over.
4. It was a (magical, illusional) moment for Samantha when she received the award from the minister.
5. The foreigner needs a (translator, transmitter) before she can understand the local language.
6. The (movement, vibration) from the mobile phone woke Lawrence up from his sleep.
7. Before Miss Lim went on board the ship, she took some anti-seasick pills as a precautionary (method, measure).
8. There are numerous (boots, booths) at the exhibition selling a variety of things.
9. "I hope you'll have a (present, pleasant) stay here," the host said to her guests.
10. The plan was cancelled because of strong (deposition, opposition) from the team members.
11. "A (comic, comet) is a rare occurrence and we would be lucky to catch sight of it tonight," said my Science teacher.
12. As the key was missing, the frustrated man had no choice but to (battle, batter) the door down.
13. The (reckless, restless) child could not keep quiet and played noisily with his toys.
14. Andrea's (inspiration, aspiration) to be a famous pianist giving performances around the world came true at long last.