

1. attain	(v.) to reach or succeed in getting something India ____ed independence in 1947, after decades of struggle.	14. inclination	(n.) a feeling that you want to do a particular thing, or the fact that you prefer or are more likely to do a particular thing We should be basing our decisions on solid facts, not ____s and hunches.
2. at the latest	used to emphasize that something must happen or be done before a stated time or day I have to get this finished by Friday _ _ _ _.	15. itemized	(adj.) if a bill, bank statement, etc. is itemized the things are listed separately usually including details about each one The auctioneers must provide an ____ inventory of the items collected and sold.
3. barring	prep. except if a particular thing happens: We should arrive at ten o'clock, ____ any (= if there are no) unexpected delays.	16. lead up to	to prepare to talk about something by gradually mentioning the subject you want to talk about He started telling me about a wonderful new restaurant he'd been to and I wondered what he was ____ing _ _.
4. barter	(v.) to exchange goods for other things rather than for money He ____ed his stamp collection for her comics.	17. parliament	(n.) in some countries, the group of (usually) elected politicians or other people who make the laws for their country (n.) a particular period of time during which a ____ is operating, between either holidays or elections On Tuesday the country's ____ voted to establish its own army. The opposition leader led a very forceful attack on the government in ____ this morning.
5. capitalize on	to use a situation to your own advantage: She ____ed _ her knowledge and experience to get a better job.	18. peddler	(n.) especially in the past, a person who traveled to different places to sell small goods, usually by going from house to house A ____, in British English pedlar, also known as a canvasser, chapman, cheapjack, hawker, higler, huckster, monger, colporteur or solicitor, is a traveling vendor of goods.
6. cast a ballot	to vote After the campaign for a political position, the public goes to _ _ _ _.	19. perceptive	(adj.) very good at noticing and understanding things that many people do not notice Her books are full of ____ insights into the human condition.
7. come to power	get political control in a country He was murdered soon after he _ _ _ _.	20. predominantly	(adv.) mostly or mainly She is ____ a dancer, but she also sings.
8. constituency	(n.) the people who live and can vote in a particular area (n.) one of the official areas of a country that elects someone to represent it in a parliament or legislature He angered his ____ by voting against the bill. a rural/urban ____	21. profoundly	(adv.) deeply or extremely We are all ____ grateful for your help and encouragement Society has changed so ____ over the last 50 years.
9. contend with	to have to deal with a difficult or unpleasant situation: We don't need a computer failure to ____ as well as all our other problems. At the age of nine, he had the death of both parents to ____.	22. protocol	(n.) a formal international agreement The Geneva ____ of 1925 prohibits the use of poisonous gases in war.
10. depot	(n.) a building where supplies or vehicles, especially buses, are kept an arms/weapons/ a fuel/storage/a bus ____		
11. engrave	(v.) to cut words, pictures, or patterns into the surface of metal, stone, etc. The jeweler skillfully ____ed the initials on the ring.		
12. exercise one's right	to use right I ____ed my democratic ____ by not voting in the election.		
13. honorable	(adj.) honest and fair, or deserving praise and respect an ____ person		

23. reasonably priced	at a price that is not too expensive I bought a _____ radio.
24. scarce	(adj.) not easy to find or get Food and clean water were becoming _____ With jobs so ____, many young people have nothing to do..
25. scarcity	(n.) a situation in which something is not easy to find or get; a lack of something There is a _____ of skilled workers in the building sector. A _____ of flour makes bread, cake, and other baked goods more expensive.
26. step down	to resign; to give up a job or position She _____ed _____ as captain of the team.
27. surrender	(v.) to stop fighting and admit defeat (v.) If you _____ to an experience or emotion, you stop trying to prevent or control it They would rather die than _____ (to the invaders). I finally _____ed to temptation, and ate the last piece of chocolate.
28. take inventory	to make a list of items and their quantities Are you about ready to start _____ing _____?
29. write up	to write something in a complete or final form using notes that you have made; report Have you _____ _ that report yet?