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For Questions 25-30 complete the second sentence so that It has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.**  
You must use between **three and eight words**, including the word given.

Here is an example (0).

Example:

(0) John does not intend to retire yet.

**intention**

John has ...*no intention of retiring* ... yet.

1. After being fired from his Job, John felt he needed to take time to think about his situation.

**stock**

After being fired from his Job, John felt he needed to .....his situation.

2. Jack was arrested for careless driving , but Harry used his influence to get him out of trouble.

**pulled**

Jack was arrested for careless driving, but Harry ..... to get him out of trouble.

3. If the new law is introduced, many small companies will be put out of business.

**down**

If the new law is introduced, many small companies will have .....

4. The government has adopted a firm position against racism and xenophobia.

**stand**

The government has .....against racism and xenophobia.

5. I was giving a speech when someone's mobile phone rang, and I forgot what I was saying.

**train**

I was giving a speech when someone's mobile phone rang, and I.....

6. I think our neighbours have gone a bit too far with their Christmas decorations this year.

**top**

I think our neighbours' Christmas decorations ..... this year.

7. I was very angry with the referee and had to stop myself from punching him in the face.

**short**

I was very angry with the referee and ..... him in the face.

8. Our company cannot accept the agreement as it is now written.*Said the CEO.*

**as**

The CEO said that their company could.....stood.

9. The world needs to rely less on fossil fuels and increase the use of renewable forms of energy.

**reduce**

The world needs to ..... fossil fuels and increase the use of renewable forms of energy.

10. At the beginning he was opposed to the changes, but I talked to him and he eventually became more reasonable.

**sense**

At the beginning he was opposed to the changes, but I eventually managed to talk .....him

11. It was surprising how fast the project had come together, but we still had a long way to go.

**by**

We were ..... shape, but we still had a long way to go.

12. There are loads of get-rich-quick books on the internet, but that's not necessarily a good thing.

**plethora**

There ..... get-rich-quick books on the internet, but that's not necessarily a good thing.

13. The coach didn't beat around the bush and gave concise and relevant answers to the questions.

**to**

The coach's answers to the questions were concise ..... point.

14. After his gap year working in conservation projects, he went on to study Natural Sciences at Cambridge University.

**proceeded**

After his gap year working in conservation projects, ..... Natural Sciences at Cambridge University.

15. There is fear that the latest tax increase on sales will result in a sharp downturn in spending over coming months.

**raised**

The latest tax increase on sales ..... a sharp downturn in spending over coming months.

16. John, if you threaten Sophia again, you will have to deal with me. *Said Charlie*  
**reckon**

Charlie said to John that if he threatened Sophia again, he .....  
.....with.

17. Although his father is a very well-known singer, Enrique Iglesias became a celebrity himself through his own efforts and talents..

**in**

Enrique Iglesias' father is a very well-known singer , but he became a celebrity himself ..... right.

18. I didn't at any time try to talk him into leaving the company.

**persuade**

At ..... to leave the company.

19. In order to restore growth and employment in our country, we need a change in policy.

**are**

There needs to ..... to restore growth and employment in our country.

20. I think James probably forgot to invite me to his birthday party.

**may**

I think James ..... invite me to his birthday party.

21. For Paul, telling the truth is important only to the degree that it helps him to achieve his goals.

**insofar**

Paul tells the ..... as it helps him to achieve his goals.

22. In the days before computers, not many people knew how to type.

**advent**

Hardly ..... of computers.

23. On paper, the agreement looks good, but we still have to see the detail.

**face**

The agreement looks good on.....,.....seen the detail yet.

24. Adam's comments in the meeting were totally inappropriate and may cause him problems.

**line**

Adam's comments in the meeting were ..... and may cause him problems.



25. Our team gave pretty much everything they had, but we failed to win a game that on paper was supposed to be an easy one.

**short**

Our team gave pretty much everything they had, but we .....  
a game that on paper was supposed to be an easy one.

26. He started studying French because he thought that that would help him find a better job.

**hope**

He started studying French ..... finding a better job.

27. It is thought that he had knowledge of CPR and could therefore save her.

**conversant**

He is thought ..... CPR and could therefore save her.

28. Alex has an impressive knowledge of computer programming.

**breadth**

The ..... computer programming is impressive.

29. When he saw that we were in trouble , he didn't hesitate to help us.

**in**

When he saw that we were in trouble , he just ..... help us.

30. Abby criticized Damian for calling her out on her behaviour, but at the same time said she wouldn't mind it if he asked her out.

**breath**

Abby criticized Damian for calling her out on her behaviour, but .....  
said she wouldn't mind it if he asked her out.

31. I thought the maths exam was going to be very difficult, but it actually was a walk in the park.

**through**

I thought the maths exam was going to be very difficult, but I .....it.

32. When he started using my computer without asking, I had to tell him very firmly not to do it again.

**put**

When he started using my computer without asking, I ..... down.

33. In London, he bought a car similar to the one he had when he was living in Dublin.

**along**

In London, he bought a car ..... the one he had when he was living in Dublin.

34. You can trust neither a salesman nor a politician.

**as**

You have just as many reasons to ..... a politician.

35. Lionel Messi is an outstanding sportsman and his country is proud of him.

**credit**

Lionel Messi is an outstanding sportsman and ..... country.

36. I tactfully refused her offer to go out for dinner in order to avoid offending her.

**not**

I tactfully refused her offer to go out for dinner so that she ..... offence.

37. He is a successful entrepreneur who has many celebrities as clients.

**counts**

He is a successful entrepreneur who ..... his clients.

38. She said she wanted to divorce him, but eventually didn't do it.

**it**

She said she wanted to divorce him, but didn't go ..... end.

39. In the 2010 World Cup, the Spanish national team performed better than ever before and won the championship.

**themselves**

In the 2010 World Cup, the Spanish national team ..... , ..... the championship.

40. Although the earthquake happened months ago, it seems that little has been done to repair the damage yet.

**have**

It's been months since the earthquake, but ..... yet to repair the damage.

41. Ever since I got by grades in school, my parents have been hard on me.

**giving**

Ever since I got bad grades in school, my parents ..... time.

42. John insulted the CEO in the meeting , so there is a good chance he will be dismissed.

**likelihood**

John will ..... insulting the CEO in the meeting.

43. The pay increase they offered was roughly what I was expecting.

**line**

The pay increase they offered was ..... what I was expecting.

44. My car is acting up again - I'll have the mechanic have a look at it.

**have**

My car is acting up again - I'll take it to the garage ..... at.

45.If you feel like going shopping or for a drink, the city centre is within walking distance from the hotel.

**mood**

Should ..... a drink or for shopping, the hotel is within walking distance from the city centre.

46.Despite having to deal with increasing criticism from the media, the actor maintained his calm and handled the situation very well.

**face**

His calm attitude .....increasing criticism from the media, helped the actor to handle the situation very well.

47.Some employers nowadays seem to discriminate against people because of their age.

**write**

Some employers nowadays seem to ..... basis of their age.

48.The costs of housing, healthcare and education have risen fast , but salaries have not done so at the same rate.

**kept**

Salaries haven't ..... costs of housing, healthcare and education.

49. The burglar got into the building by pretending to be a plumber.

**as**

The burglar got into the building by ..... plumber.

50. I want to buy a new car , but I'm going to postpone it until I get a promotion at work.

**hold**

I'm..... a new car until I get a promotion at work.

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