1. Martha has been trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_ her roommate since their quarrel last week, as she doesn’t want to continue the argument.

(A) overgrow (B) bother (C) pursue (D) avoid

1. As David finished the last drop of the delicious chicken soup, he licked his lips and gave out sounds of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

(A) contentment (B) dominance (C) explosion (D) affection

1. After several rounds of intense fighting, the boxer punched his \_\_\_\_\_\_ right in the face, knocked him out, and won the match.

(A) performer (B) attendant (C) opponent (D) messenger

1. Watch out! The bench has just been painted. You can fan the wet paint if you want to \_\_\_\_\_\_ its drying.

(A) fasten (B) hasten (C) lengthen (D) strengthen

1. Warm milk \_\_\_\_\_\_ sleepiness. So if you have trouble falling asleep, try drinking some warm milk before going to bed.

(A) conceals (B) recruits (C) absorbs (D) induces

1. Having worked five years as a data processor in a small town, Alice is tired of the routine of her job and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of her life.

(A) disturbance (B) salvation (C) remainder (D) monotony

1. Peter has never been on time to meetings or appointments. It would be interesting to look into reasons why he is \_\_\_\_\_\_ late.

(A) chronically (B) hysterically (C) simultaneously (D) resistantly

1. The film *Life of Pi* won Ang Lee an Oscar in 2013 for Best Director—one of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_ awards in the movie industry.

(A) populated (B) surpassed (C) coveted (D) rotated

1. According to environmental scientists, the earth is likely to experience significant \_\_\_\_\_\_ changes within the next century.

(A) provincial (B) ecological (C) authentic (D) redundant

1. Traditional Chinese medical practices include \_\_\_\_\_\_ remedies, which use plants, plant parts, or a mixture of these to prevent or cure diseases.

(A) herbal (B) frantic (C) magnetic (D) descriptive