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Read the definitions of the words, which are given below and fill in the correct one, trying to differentiate the exact meaning.

Bazaar-bizarre

* Bazaar - a marketplace or fair for the sale of goods.

* Bizarre - odd; eccentric; out of the ordinary.

The detective had a _____ habit of inviting suspects to dinner.

Multitudes of sights, sounds, and smells filled the _____r in the village square.

Affect - Effect

*Affect - verb meaning to influence.

* Effect - a noun meaning result.

While the student didn't see how studying _____ his test-taking, the positive _____soon became clear.

Lie – Lay

* Lie - a verb meaning to recline or rest on a surface.

* Lay - a verb meaning to put or place.

Before falling asleep, Kim _____ her bracelet on the table.

Kim ____ down to take a nap every day at 3:30 p.m.

Lose – Loose

*Lose - a verb meaning to misplace.

*Loose - an adjective meaning slack, moveable, or weak.

I always manage to _____ my glasses

My jeans are _____-fitting

Anyway - Any way

*Anyway – an adverb meaning regardless.

*Any way - a phrase meaning any manner or method.

We could take _____ we want to get to the party.

I don't want to go to the party, **anyway** _____.

Than - Then

*Than is a conjunction used to compare two things.

*Then is usually an adverb indicating time.

Do you think that Pepsi Cola is better _____ Coca Cola?

We went to the store, and _____ to a movie.

Who - Whom

*Who - a pronoun used as the subject of a sentence.

*Whom - a pronoun used as a direct object.

_____ - is responsible for the research on this group project?

We assigned research to _____ for this group project?

Accept - Except

*Accept - to agree to take something offered, to approve of or believe in something

*Except - not including, other than

"I've invited all my family to the wedding, _____ my cousins in Canada."

I think you should _____ the job offer."

Advice- Advise

***Advice** -an opinion about what to do in a particular situation

***Advise** - to tell someone what they should do (in your opinion)

"He gives _____ to students who want to study at university."

"The doctor _____ him to give up smoking and do more exercise."

Allusion- Illusion

*Allusion - an indirect reference to someone or something

* Illusion- an idea or belief that is false; ii) something that appears to be different from the way it really is

This comedy film makes numerous _____ to the behaviour of existing politicians.”

“She’s has the _____ that she doesn’t need qualifications to study at university.”

“Getting up early in the morning gives the _____ that the day is longer.”

Assistance- Assistants

*Assistance - the act of helping or supporting another person

*Assistants - a person who helps another person (e.g. a manager) to do their job

“We have so much work to do and not enough time. I think we need some _____”

“Charity shops rely on the voluntary _____ of the local community.”

Bare - Bear

*Bare -not covered or empty

*Bear - a large wild animal

“We need to get some pictures to decorate the _____ walls in our new house.”

“I heard that there is a new baby polar _____ at the zoo.”

Capital - Capitol

*Capital - the city in a country where the government is located

*Capitol - a building in the US where the government meets

“The _____ of the United Kingdom is London.”

“There are thousands of protestors outside the _____ building in Washington DC.”

Cereal - Serial

*Cereal - a food made from grain that is usually eaten for breakfast with milk

*Serial [- a television or radio programme that is divided into parts

““During our childhood, we always ate _____ before we went to school.”

I love this comedy _____ on TV at the moment.

Complement - Compliment

***Complement** - something that is a positive addition or combines well with something else

***Compliment** -an expression of praise or admiration

“He'd like us to give _____ on his new hairstyle, but it's awful!”

“Her unique skills will be an ideal _____ to the experience of the existing team.”

Desert - Dessert

***Desert** - an area of land that is very dry and has very few plants

***Dessert** - something that you eat after the main course of a meal

“The largest _____ in Africa is the Sahara.”

“Would you like to have a _____ or are you already full?”

Ensure - Insure

***Ensure** - to make certain that something happens

***Insure** - to pay money to protect against risks and losses (e.g. car insurance) or to issue someone with an insurance policy

“We need to _____ that our clients take the correct train to the airport on Saturday.”

“We should _____ our bicycles in case they get stolen in the city.”

Formally - Formerly

***Formally** - describes when something is done in an official way or in a polite manner

***Formerly**- describes something that happened or was true in the past

“He was _____ a policeman in London and then changed to a career in acting.”

“She _____ submitted a complaint about her manager's behaviour.”

Personal - Personnel

*Personal - describes something that belongs to or relates to an individual person

*Personnel- the people who work for a company or the department that deals with employees

“A lot of complaints have been made about the way this company treats its _____”

“He is very direct when he expresses his _____ opinion to friends and colleagues.”

Principal - Principle

*Principal - the person in charge of a school or who has the main role in a performance

*Principle - a rule or belief about what is right and wrong and influences your behavior

“The _____ I has scheduled a presentation for new students and their parents.”

“We teach a set of _____ to children from their first day at school.”

Stationary - Stationery

*Stationary - not moving

*Stationery - pens, pencils, paper, envelopes etc.

“I need to buy some new _____-before I start university next week.”

“I'm going to be late for work. My train has been _____ for nearly an hour.”

Assure- Ensure - Insure

*Assure -to tell someone that something will definitely happen or is definitely true

Ensure - to guarantee or make sure of something Insure means to take out an insurance policy

Posey _____ Chester that no one would cheat at Bingo.

Posey was glad the Bingo hall was _____ against damage caused by rowdy Bingo players. Posey took steps to ensure that no one cheated at Bingo

Breath - Breathe

*Breath - a noun; it’s the air that goes in and out of your lungs

*Breathe - a verb; it means to exhale or inhale

After Posey’s spectacular landing, Chester had to remind himself to _____ - again.

Chester held his _____ while Posey skateboarded down the stairs.

Capital - Capitol

*Capital - has several meanings. It can refer to an uppercase letter, money, or a city where a seat of government is located:

*Capitol - the building where a legislature meets:

Chester visited Brasília, the _____ of Brazil.

Posey visited the cafe in the basement of _____ watching a bill become a law.

Complement - Compliment

*A complement - something that completes something else. It’s often used to describe things that go

*A compliment - a nice thing to say:

Chester’s lime green boots were a perfect _____ to his jacket.

:Posey received many _____ on her purple fedora.

Historic- Historical

*Historic -famous, important, and influential

*Historical - related to history

Posey donned a _____ bonnet for the renaissance fair.

Chester visited the beach in Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers made their _____ first airplane flight

Lay - Lie

*To lay - to put or to place.

* To lie - to recline.

Chester will _____ down for a nap

Posey will _____ out her outfit before she goes to bed

Boy-Buoy

*boy - a male child.

*buoy - a floating marker in a lake, river, or ocean

In some cultures, _____s are preferred over girls.

When snorkeling or skin diving, a _____ should be anchored near the dive site to alert boaters to divers in the area.

Brake-Break

*to brake - to stop a vehicle.

*A brake - a device used to lock the wheels of a vehicle.

*To break - to smash something; to separate something into parts, often by force.

*A break - an intermission or recess from something

We will take a _____ - halfway through the class

He was not able to _____ - the car in time to avoid hitting the branch in the road.

If you step on that toy, it will surely _____.

Do you always set the emergency _____ on your car when parking on a hill?

Bridal-Bridle

* bridal -having to do with a bride or a wedding.

*bridle - the headgear worn by a horse by which the rider controls the animal.

Just before the race began, the jockey noticed his horse's _____ was broken.

The _____bouquet had roses and tulips in it.

Bus-Buss

* bus - a large, motorized vehicle usually used for public transportation

* buss - a kiss.

Group travel by _____is extremely popular today.

The tourists were greeted at the airport in Hawaii with a flower lei and a _____on the cheek.

Buy-By-Bye

* Buy - to purchase something; to hire or bribe someone, bye usually by a payment of money.

* Bye - an abbreviation of good-bye

* By - by means of someone or something; by way of something.

We will have to do it ____ hand. 0 Ms.

My money will _____ three hours of the plumber's time.

She is polite and always says _____when she leaves.

I want to _____ a new computer in the near future.

Smith seldom travels _____ highway if she can take a more scenic route.

Capital-Capitol-Capitol

*Capital - punishable by death.

*Capital – main, principal

*Capital - a city that serves as a seat of government.

• capitol - the building in which the legislature of a state meets.

• Capitol - the building in Washington, D.C., where the United States Congress meets.

The U.S. _____ is located on First Street between Constitution and Independence avenues.

The _____ of a state is not necessarily the state's largest city

The _____ of Michigan was designed by the same architect who designed the Texas capitol.

Murder in the first degree is a _____ offense in several states.

Our _____ concern was the welfare of the children.

Cell-Sell

*Cell - a small, lockable room or compartment.

The prisoner's _____ had none of the comforts of home.

*Cell - a small, microscopic unit of living matter.

Each student looked at his or her own skin _____ under the microscope.

*Sell - to offer something for sale; to exchange something for money. 0

Tom hopes to _____ his old car some day soon.

Cereal-Serial

*Cereal - a food made of grain and eaten for breakfast.

*Serial - in or of a series, rank, or order.

*Serial - a publication or program offered in segments at intervals.

A new automobile is stamped with a _____ number to aid in identification.

The new book will appear, in part, as a monthly _____ in that magazine.

The price of _____ in the supermarket has risen dramatically in the past two years.

Cite-Sight-Site

* Cite - to quote something from a published source.

* Sight - the ability to see.

* Sight -] a view or glimpse.

* Site - a position, place, or scene of something such as a town or building

The Grand Canyon is a magnificent _____

.The _____ for the new veterans memorial has not been chosen yet.

During his speech, the speaker will _____ the words of a famous politician.

The child's _____ improved greatly following eye surgery. .

Climb-Clime

*Climb - to go or move up something.

*Clime- a climate.

Bonnie prefers a warm _____ to a cold one.

Be careful when you _____ the ladder.

The song's _____ to the top of the record charts was quick.

Complement-Compliment

*Complement - something that enhances or completes someone or something.

*Compliment - to express admiration or respect for something.

A fine red wine is a nice _____ for a meal including red meat.

"I'd like to _____ you on your fine achievements,

Continual-Continuous

• continual - on a regular or frequent basis.

• continuous - constantly; without an end.

Her continual _____-are annoying.

That machine 's _____-- knocking sound must be fixed.

Currant-Current

• currant - the small, berrylike fruit of several shrubs.

• current - up-to-date; presently acceptable

• current - the flow of something in a specific direction.

Be careful of the strong _____ in that river.

I ate almost every _____ I picked!

0 The man prides himself on his knowledge of _____t world events.

Cymbal - Symbol

- cymbal ['slɪmbl] a percussion instrument made of brass that produces a loud, crashing sound when struck with a stick or another cymbal. 0

- symbol ['slɪmb!] something that stands for something else by reason of association or resemblance. The dictator's face became a _____ of hatred to the oppressed people

To play the _____ well, one must have perfect timing

Dear-Deer

- dear - highly valued; precious.

- dear - costly; expensive.

- dear [dlac] a loved one. (A term of address.)

- deer [dlac] a wild, swift-running animal having hooves and antlers in all males and the females of some species.

Now, my _____, what may I do for you ?

Each year, the same _____ - munches on my father's garden.

My grandmother's antique locket is very _____ to me.

For some people, the price paid for personal freedom is _____ indeed.

Desert-Dessert

- desert - a hot, dry area of land, usually covered with sand.

- desert - to leave or abandon someone or something on purpose.

- *dessert - the last course of a meal, usually something sweet.

His favorite _____ is black walnut cake.

Rather than stay and fight, the soldiers chose instead to _____ their units.

There is hardly any life in the sands of the _____.

Dew-Do -Due

*dew - the moisture that condenses on a cool surface, usually during the night.

*do - to perform something; to carry something out.

*due - owed or owing as a debt, moral obligation, or right.

_____ your chores first, and then you 'll have plenty of time for other activities.

The electric bill is _____ on the 15th of each month.

As temperatures continue to drop, the _____ on the grass will soon become frost.

Die-Dye

*die - to cease to live.

*die - to decrease gradually; to stop.

*A die - a six-sided cube with varying numbers of dots on each side that is used in games.

*dye - to change the color of something.

With each roll of the _____ the man 's luck seemed to increase.

Everyone will notice if you _____ your blond hair black.

Certain insects die _____ a day or so after hatching.

I wish the wind would _____ down so I can rake these leaves.

Disinterested -Uninterested

• disinterested - free from personal motive or interest.

• uninterested - not interested.

The bored audience was obviously _____ in what the speaker was saying.

Let's ask a _____ third party to help settle this dispute.

Dual- Duel

*dual - two; double.

*duel - a confrontation between two armed combatants, usually to settle an argument.

Psychiatrists spend a good deal of time studying patients with _____ personalities.

A well-known _____ in American history involved Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

Elicit-Illicit

• elicit - to bring something out; to draw something forth.

Will you help me _____ support among your friends for this cause ?

• illicit - illegal; unlawful.

The _____ sale of drugs.

Eminent-Imminent

• eminent - noted for position, rank, or achievement.

• imminent - soon to happen or take place.

The _____ author won many Newbery Awards for his children 's books.

The prisoner on death row knew his execution was _____.

Ensure-Insure

• ensure - to guarantee something; to make certain of something.

• insure - to acquire or give insurance for; to make certain.

I will _____ your safe arrival at your destination.

Be sure to _____ your new motorcycle before driving it.

Fair-Fare

• fair - honest and impartial.

* fair - blond or light complexioned.

• fair - clear

• fair - a competitive exhibition.

* fair - a gathering of buyers and sellers.

• fare - the price charged to transport something or someone.

The computer fair was attended by people from all around the world.

The roundtrip _____ was less costly than buying two one-way tickets.

That judge is known for his _____ decisions.
Each year Mary's baked goods win blue ribbons at the _____.
The weather during our week-long vacation was _____ and warm.
Many Scandinavians are _____ and have blue eyes.

Feat-Feet

- feat [fit] a notable deed, especially one involving great skill or courage.
 - feet [fit] the plural of foot 'the part of the body at the end of the leg.'
- The circus elephant accomplished a most difficult _____.
The wobbly colt was barely able to stay on its _____ immediately after being born.

fir-fur

- *fir - a type of coniferous tree, such as the pine or evergreen.
 - *fur - the hairy coat of an animal.
- Sable pelts are a very valuable _____.
The Christmas tree we bought was a beautifully shaped _____.

flea-flee

- *flea [fli] a flightless, bloodsucking insect that feeds on warm-blooded animals.
 - *flee [fli] to run away from danger.
- The dog wears a special collar to protect it from _____ and other parasites.
The refugees had to _____ their war-torn nation.

formally-formerly

- * formally - carried out in a ceremonial fashion.
 - *formerly- in times past.
- Our neighbors were _____ stationed in Bangkok, Thailand, before being reassigned to San Diego, California.
The pioneering scientist will _____ receive her award in three months.

Forth-Fourth

- forth - onward or outward in time, place, or order.
- fourth - the ordinal number between third and fifth.
- fourth - one quarter of a whole.

The huge plane was _____ in line to take off on the runway.

Almost a _____ of her newly planted garden was eaten by rabbits.

Step _____ into the light where I can see you better.

Fenes-Jeans

- genes - the plural of gene 'the part of a chromosome that contains hereditary characteristics.'
- jeans - blue jeans; denim trousers of any color, constructed to resemble blue jeans. (

Almost every student wore _____ to the picnic.

_____ that determine brown eyes are dominant over genes that determine blue eyes.

Gild-Guild

* gild - to cover something with a thin layer of gold.

*guild [gIld] a group of people with common interests or aims.

The potter's _____ puts on a show and sale each year.

The goldsmith thought he should _____ the piece of jewelry to make it brighter and more attractive.

Grate-Great

- grate - an iron cradle used in stoves and fireplaces to hold what is to be burned.
- grate - to bother someone; to irritate someone's nerves.
- grate - to reduce something to pieces by rubbing it with something coarse.
- great - large; big.

- great - remarkable; famous; distinguished.

Her annoying habits _____ on my nerves.

Your loud voice _____ on me!

Sweep the ashes from under the _____ before you build another fire.

The salesman went to _____ lengths to please his customers.

_____ numbers of people appeared at the grand opening ceremony.

Let's _____ the cheese before putting it on the pizza.

Grill-Grille

- grill - a cooking surface on which food is exposed to direct heat.

- grill -to cook on a grill.

- grill - to question someone heatedly.

- grille -a lattice work; a grate that forms a barrier or screen of some type.

We will _____ the suspect until we arrive at the truth.

Ken damaged the _____ on the front of his new car when he hit the mailbox post.

Tom cooked our steaks on the _____.

I like to _____ hamburgers and hot dogs outside in the summertime.

Hail-Hale

- hail - rain frozen into balls of ice.

- hail [hel] to call for someone or something.

- hail - to come from some place.

- hale - healthy; sound.

You can _____ a cab from almost any hotel or restaurant in town.

Even at age ninety, our next-door neighbor is as _____ as he was twenty years ago.

_____ the size of golf balls pelted the spectators during the sudden cloudburst.

All of my college roommates _____ from the Midwest.

Hair-Hare

- hair - the external body covering of an animal;
- hare- a type of large rabbit known for its long ears and large hind legs.

The _____ circled around trying to put off the pursuing hounds.
Some animals grow thick coats of coarse _____ during long, harsh winters.

As a child, Mary had blond, curly _____.

Handmade-Handmaid

- handmade - made by hand, not machined. 0
- handmaid - a female servant or attendant.

The princess has a _____ to attend to her every whim.

As a housewarming gift, she gave the couple a _____-bed quilt.

Hart-Heart

- *hart - a mature male deer, especially of the red deer species.
- *heart - the muscular organ that maintains blood circulation.
- *heart - the center or most important part.
- *heart [hoʒ't] a playing card bearing red hearts.

The patient received a new _____ during the transplant surgery.

The _____ ran across the meadow.

I trumped his card with a higher _____.

Rather than skirt the issue, the council members wanted to get to the _____ of the matter.

Heal-Heel

- *heal - to cure something; to make something whole.
- *heel - the back of the human foot.

Bob bruised his _____ playing soccer.

It may take some time for that nasty cut to _____.

Heroin-Heroine

- heroin - a strongly addictive narcotic.

- heroine - a female hero

Mother Theresa is a _____ in most parts of the world.

Cocaine is now more widely used than _____.

Hoarse-Horse

- hoarse - harsh, grating, or rough in sound.
- horse - a four-legged animal with a flowing mane and tail.
- horse - a gymnastic apparatus consisting of a padded framework mounted on legs.

One of Steve's strongest events is the _____.

Following a bout with bronchitis, Tom 's voice was very _____.

The _____ I was given at the riding stable was a gentle mare.

Hole-Whole

- hole - a depression or opening.
- hole - a fault or flaw.
- whole - entire or unbroken.
- whole - the complete number or sum of something.

The _____ list had eleven chores on it.

The meteorite left a huge _____ in the earth when it hit the ground.

The burglar discovered a _____-in the security system of the building.

Let's look at the _____ picture.

Hostel-Hostile

- hostel - a supervised lodging provided for young people when traveling.
- hostile - antagonistic or unfriendly; relating to the enemy.

Joan is such a _____ person that none of her co-workers like her.

The college students met interesting people at each _____.

Humerus-Humorous

- humerus - the long, heavy bone of the upper arm or forelimb extending from the shoulder to the elbow.

• humorous - characterized by humor or wit.

The _____ of Jacob 's left arm was fractured when the scaffolding fell on him.

Generally there is a _____ side to any embarrassing situation.

in-inn

• in - inside; within; into.

• inn - a public lodging for travelers that usually provides food and drink.

The inn just outside the village provides comfortable beds and good food.

I would like to fly _____ the Concorde SST.

Please come _____ out of the rain.

incite-insight

*incite - to stir up or move someone or something to action.

*Insight - the ability to see or understand something intuitively.

Our physics teacher has great _____t into how to motivate uninterested students.

The speaker failed to _____the crowd to action.

jinks-jinx

*jinks - pranks.

*jinx - someone or something that brings bad luck or misfortune.

*jinx -to bring bad luck to someone.

Mary is so superstitious that she believes a passing black cat will _____her.

"I will not put up with any _____ while you 're here, " scolded Grandmother.

Eddie was _____ to our team 's winning streak.

knickers-nickers

- knickers - short, loose-fitting pants gathered at the knee.
- nickers - the plural of nicker 'the neigh or whinny of a horse.'

From the barn we could hear the impatient pony's nickers.

_____ were once the men 's fashion rage in golf

knight-night

- knight - in feudal society, a man-at-arms serving a superior noble.
- knight - a chess piece, usually in the shape of a horse
- night - darkness.
- night -evening.

In chess, a _____ is a higher-ranking piece than a pawn.

The _____ in shining armor rescued the princess from the castle tower.

Last _____ I spotted a shooting star in the sky.

Nocturnal animals are able to see at _____

knit-nit

- knit - to interlace yarn or thread in a series of connected loops using needles.
- knit - to form, tie, or link something closely together.
- nit - a young, parasitic insect or the egg of a young, parasitic insect.

The new trade agreement will _____ the nations.

Head lice are a type of _____

Mom always liked to _____ rather than crochet.

knot-naught-not

- knot - an interlacing of string, twine, or rope.
- knot [not] a hard-to-solve problem or dilemma.
- knot [not] a bond of union, especially marriage. (Always in the idiom tie the knot.) 0 The couple has finally decided to tie the knot.
- naught - nothing. (Typically with for.)
- not - a word indicating no or negation.

All his hard work was for _____

I was unable to untangle the _____ in my fishing line.
We are _____ hungry at the moment.
That issue put a _____ in the discussion.

ladder-latter

*ladder - a structure of two vertical side poles and numerous horizontal rungs that is used for climbing up and down.

*latter - referring to the second of two things mentioned.

* latter - the last; the end.

In the _____ stages of the conflict, the war-weary soldiers wanted to give up.

Jake refuses to walk underneath any _____ .

Though Lindsay and Marina are both smart, the _____ is the better student.

lay-lei -lie

• lay [Ie] to place or set someone or something down.

• lay [Ie] to impose as an obligation, reproach, burden, or punishment.

• lay - to plan or conceive something.

• lay [down] - the past tense of lie [down] 'to rest or recline in a horizontal position.'

• lay [Ie] the past tense of lie 'to occupy a place; to be situated some place.

• lei - a wreath or necklace of flowers or similar material.

• lie - to rest or recline in a horizontal position.

He _____ down to rest and fell asleep.

The flight attendant placed a _____ around Mary's neck when her plane arrived in Hawaii.

_____ the tools on the workbench.

At one time those two old sheds _____ near the main barn.

Let's _____ a plan to make the police think we have disappeared..

The government will _____ a heavy tax on those imports.

lean-lien

- lean - having little or no fat.
- lean - to rely upon someone or something for support.
- lean [lin] to bend from a vertical position.
- lean [lin] to incline toward something in opinion, taste, or desire.
- lien - a legal charge upon personal property to offset or satisfy some debt or duty.

My taste in clothing tends to _____ toward classic styles.

The circus performer was _____.

The _____ on our neighbor's farm must be settled before the bank will approve a new loan.

Since Sally is almost deaf, she must _____ forward to listen when someone speaks.

It's nice to have someone to _____-on in times of trouble.

lessen -lesson

- lessen - to reduce something in size, number, or degree.
Aspirin will _____ the pain of your toothache.
 - lesson ['IEs;)n] a piece of instruction or something to be learned, especially by a student. 0 Today's lesson dealt with right triangles.
 - lesson ['IEs;)n] a rebuke. 0 That incident taught us an important lesson about honesty.
 - lesson ['IEs;)n] a portion of sacred writing read during a worship service. 0 "Our lesson for this day is from the book of Acts, " announced the minister.
- lesson See the main entry beginning with lessen.

loan-lone

- loan - something given for a borrower's temporary use.
The buyer decided not to apply for a _____ to buy the new lawn tractor
- lone - alone, sole, only, isolated.
The _____ Canada goose flew across the darkening sky.

loath-loathe

• loath [108] reluctant; unwilling. D I am loath to sit next to that obnoxious person for even one more minute

locks-lox

• locks - the plural of lock 'a security device operated by a key, combination, or electrical circuit and used to restrict entrance to or exit from a place.'

• locks - the plural of lock 'a tress of hair; a group of human hairs.

• locks - the present tense, third person singular of lock to fasten, join, or hold something together.

• lox - smoked salmon.

A computer automatically _____ the gates in the prison.

As a safety measure, Sam had the _____ on all of the doors changed.

Her favorite items on the buffet table are the _____ and bagels.

Her golden _____ were the envy of all of her friends.

made-maid

• made - the past tense and past participle of make - to create something; to manufacture something.

• made [up] [med] the past tense and past participle of make [up] 'to invent a story.'

• maid - a female servant.

• maid - a young, unmarried girl or woman. (Used only in older stories and fairy tales.)

A lovely maid _____-captured the young king's heart.

She _____ _ a story that was too silly to believe.

Those lanterns were ____ in Hong Kong.

Mrs. Smith 's _____ gets every other weekend off.

mare-mayor

* mare - a female horse, donkey, or mule, especially one of breeding age.

*mare - a supernatural being that causes nightmares.

*mare - a large, dark patch on the surface of Mars or the moon.

The _____ on the full moon 's surface was visible with the naked eye.

She dreamed that an evil __ flew into her bedroom.

The horse that caught the judges ' eyes was a flashy _____ with spirit.

marry-merry

• marry - to join two people in matrimony as husband and wife.

• marry - to take someone as a spouse.

• marry - to unite two things in a close relationship.

• merry - jovial, lighthearted, or festive.

The priest will _____ the couple on Friday evening.

The merger will _____ two of the largest airlines in the world.

Everyone attending the festival had a _____ time.

John will _____ Ellen when he finishes college.

meat-meet-mete

*meat - the flesh of an animal used as food.

*meat - the edible part of a fruit, nut, or vegetable.

* meet - to approach or come into contact or the presence of someone or something.

* meet - to settle with or pay something in full.

John cannot _____ this month 's bills because of his recent illness.

*meet - a gathering for some specific activity or competition.

*mete - to assign or allot something by measure.

Grandfather always liked _____ and potatoes for Sunday dinner.

Chris won the two-mile event in last week 's track _____.

They agreed to _____for lunch at noon.

Her mother does not like to ____ out punishment for the children 's misbehavior.

We 'll only use the _____ of ripe nuts for the pecan pie.

miner-minor

- miner - a person who mines.
- minor - a person who is under legal age.
- minor - unimportant; inferior in degree, status, number, or size.
- minor - an academic subject requiring fewer courses to earn a degree than a major.
- minor - a musical key.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Dave is a _____ in the Pennsylvania coal mines.

It is illegal to sell alcohol and tobacco products to a _____.

Peter has a major in American literature and a ____ in social studies.

Play the recital piece in _____.

Linda was disappointed that she received only a _____ part in the play.

moan-mown

* moan - a wail; a groan.

*mown - the past participle of mow 'to cut down standing grass or weeds.' (Also mowed.)

*mown [down] - the past participle of mow [down] 'to kill or destroy people in large numbers without mercy;

Even after I had ____ the grass, dandelions appeared everywhere.

The artillery had ____ down all opposition in a matter of minutes.

The accident victim uttered a _____ when the rescue workers lifted her onto the stretcher

moose-mousse

- moose - a large grass-eating mammal that belongs to the deer family and lives in forested parts of North America.

- mousse - an airy, sweet dessert made of gelatin and whipped cream.

Our hostess served raspberry ____ for dessert.

While driving along a Canadian highway, we spotted a _____ and her calf drinking from a lake.

morning-mourning

- morning - the part of the day from midnight or dawn until noon.
- mourning - the present participle of mourn 'to express grief and sorrow about something, such as a person's death.'
- mourning - a period of grief following a death.
_____ clothes are traditionally black.

He prefers to jog early in the _____ when it's cooler.

The widow continues to wear black to show that she is still in mourning.

naval-navel

- naval - involving or relating to ships, shipping, or a navy.
- navel - a depression or scar in the center of the abdomen where the umbilical cord was once attached.
- navel - a particular variety of orange.

The belly dancer wore a gemstone in her _____ as part of her costume

There is no orange sweeter than a large, juicy _____.

While on vacation, we visited the _____ facility at Pearl Harbor on Oahu, Hawaii.

nay-neigh

- nay - a negative reply or vote; a person who votes no.
- nay [ne] not only this but also. (Formal, stilted, or jocular.)
- neigh - the loud, long utterance of a horse, donkey, or mule.

- neigh [ne] to make the utterance of a donkey, horse, or mule.

Our donkey will _____ if he hears a loud, piercing noise.
We could hear the wild horse's neigh across the wide valley.
When the vote was tallied, there were four yeas and one ____.
" _____, there were other misdeeds committed by this individual, "
continued the speaker.

overdo-overdue

*overdo- to do or use something to excess.

*overdue - delayed beyond an appointed time.

My library books are always _____ by the time I return them.

*overdue - remaining unpaid when due to be paid.

Carol's baby was three weeks _____.

Don 't try to _____ things on your first day home from the hospital

Last month 's mortgage payment is _____.

overseas-oversees

• overseas - across or beyond the sea.

• oversees - the present tense, third person singular of oversee 'to supervise someone or something.'

The office manager oversees the work of all of the clerical and support staff _____

The journalist's next assignment will be somewhere _____.

pail-pale

• pail - a bucket or other container equipped with a handle and used to carry liquids.

• pale- light skin.

• pale - not bright or brilliant.

• pale [pel] to become less important.

She painted the room a _____ shade of yellow.

All of the other girls _____ in comparison to Rosa's great beauty.

Our cow kicked over a full _____ of milk.

We knew Henry didn 't feel well when he suddenly became very _____.

pain-pane

- pain - distress; suffering; discomfort.
- pain - to cause someone or something to feel pain.
- pain - to cause oneself or another trouble or exertion.
- pane - a framed piece of glass found in windows and doors.

The ____ became so unbearable that Emily finally agreed to see a doctor.

During the furious storm, a _____ of glass blew out of the large picture window.

It will _____us to see you move so far away.

Do not _____ yourself to stand up when you feel so ill.

pair-pare-pear

- pair - two corresponding things designed to be used together; two associated or similar things.
- pair - two sweethearts.
- pair - two playing cards of the same value or denomination.
- pair - to set or arrange something in groups of two.
- pare - to peel or remove the skin or covering from something; to cut something away.
- pear - a fleshy, somewhat gritty fruit of a tree belonging to the rose family.

Will you please _____ the potatoes for dinner?

The graduates will _____ up to march into the auditorium.

Now what have I done with that _____ of socks ?

That young _____will probably marry someday.

The _____was juicy and tasty.

All she had was a _____of kings in her hand.

patience-patients

* patience - having the capacity to be steadfast, calm, or uncomplaining.

*patients - the plural of patient 'a person undergoing medical treatment.

The doctor treats all of her _____ with care and interest.

Kindergarten teachers must have a great deal of _____.

pause-paws

*pause- a temporary break or stop.

*pause - to stop or linger for a time.

*paws - the plural of paw 'the foot of some warm-blooded terrestrial animal having claws.'

*paws the present tense, third person singular of paw 'to touch someone rudely or amorously.'

* paws - the present tense, third person singular of paw 'to grab at something repeatedly.'

* paws - the present tense, third person singular of paw to bat or hit at something with a paw.'

Let's ____ at the fountain and toss in a coin.

Henry, it seems, _____ every girl who goes out with him.

Each time the cat catches a mouse, it _____ its victim pitilessly.

After a brief _____, the speaker continued.

A lynx has huge _____.

The inexperienced mountain climber _____ the air wildly each time he loses his footing.

peace-piece

*peace - a state of security, tranquility, or order between individuals, groups, or countries.

• peace - a freedom from mental or emotional upheaval.

• peace- quiet; silence.

• piece - a portion of a whole.

- piece - an artistic or literary composition.
- piece - something regarded as an example of a unit of a kind or class.
- piece - to patch someone or something together; to complete something by adding pieces.
- piece - a handgun; a revolver. (Police and underworld slang.)

His cabin in the woods offers him a haven of _____.

With five children in the house, the harried housewife has no _____.

The composer's _____ for the piano won the competition.

A war-torn nation knows no _____.

The robber carried his _____ in a shoulder holster.

It was difficult to _____ together the jigsaw puzzle

May I please have the last _____ of pie ?

Mary does a _____ - of work at a time at the garment factory.

peak-peek-pique

- peak - a prominent, pointed top or end of something.
- peak - the highest level; the greatest degree.
- peak - to reach a summit or maximum of something.
- peek - to glance secretly at something or someone.
- peek - to take a brief look at someone or something.
- pique- a fit of irritation or resentment.
- pique - to arouse anger or resentment.

The physical condition of the racehorse should _____ around the date of the race.

Try not to _____ his wrath by upsetting him.

In a _____ of anger, the child broke her favorite toy.

Out of curiosity she wanted to _____ at every room in the house.

The mountain _____ was covered with snow.

Children are sometimes tempted to _____ at their birthday presents.

He reached the _____ of his music career at age thirty.

peal-peel

- peal - a loud ringing of bells, especially church bells.
- peal - a loud sound or succession of sounds.
- peel - to remove or strip off an outer layer of something.
- peel - to remove clothing from a body.
- peel - the skin or rind of a fruit.

I had to _____ the apples before I could make the cobbler.

Her _____ of laughter was heard throughout the house.

The orange _____ was easy to remove.

Every Sunday morning the _____ of the church bell summons people to worship.

Let's peel off those wet clothes before you get a chill.

pedal-peddle-petal

- pedal - a foot-operated lever.
- pedal - to move or propel something by foot, especially a bicycle.
- peddle - to seek to distribute something; to deal out something.

- petal - a colorful segment of a flower's blossom.

Since you can't go to the football game, why don't you try to _____ your tickets at work ?

The _____ of the orchid is an unusual color.

Let's _____ up to the corner drugstore for an ice-cream cone tricycle.

The gas _____ on her car got stuck.

peer-pier

- peer _____ of equal standing with another.
- peer - a companion, friend, or age-mate.
- peer [pIa'] to look carefully or curiously at something not easily discernible.
- pier - a vertical support between two openings.
- pier - a structural landing place extending into water.

Fishermen can be seen fishing off the _____ at any time of day.

A _____ jury will decide the fate of the accused woman.
The students will join their _____ after school for a game of soccer.
To enlarge the room, we 'll remove the center _____.
If you _____r through a beach telescope in Key West, you might
be able to see Cuba.

pistil-pistol

* pistil - the part of a seed plant that bears the ovule needed for reproduction.

*pistol - a small, hand-held firearm.

She keeps a licensed _____ for personal protection.

On some flowers the _____ is more noticeable than on others.

plain-plane

*plain [plen] simple; unadorned.

*plain - common; ordinary.

*plain - evident.

*plain- an extensive, unbroken expanse of flat or rolling treeless countryside.

*plane - a tool used for smoothing or shaving a wood surface.

She has rather _____ features.

It was _____that Kevin would not change his mind.

The craftsman used a small _____ for his detail work.

The house is very _____both inside and out.

The empty _____ looks bare and unwelcoming.

pleas-please

• plane- to make something even, level, or smooth.

• plane - a flat or level surface.

• plane - an airplane. • plane - to skim across the water or soar on the wind.

Passengers should board the _____ through gate six.

I'll _____ the tabletop before sanding and restraining it.

The sailboats _____ across the bay easily on windy days
That piece of equipment must rest on a _____ so it doesn't tip over.

plait-plate

- plait - a braid made of hair, straw, or some other material.
- plate - a flat, smooth, thin piece of material.
- plate - a piece of table service.
- plate - a thin layer of a precious metal, usually gold or silver.
- plate - to cover or coat something with some kind of metal.
- plate - a partial denture fitting.

He wears a small upper plate _____.

Her long hair was arranged in an elaborate _____ - for the celebration.

The serving tray had a silver _____.

The surgeon placed a small steel _____ in his patient's head during the operation.

Please do not use the cracked _____ when we have guests for dinner.

The jeweler will _____ the inexpensive metal ring with gold to make it look shiny.

pole-Pole-poll

- pole - a long, slender shaft.
- pole - either extremity of an axis of a sphere.
- pole - either of two opposites.
- Pole - a person of the Polish nationality.
- poll - the casting and recording of votes by a body of persons.
- poll - to question or canvass people randomly.

Neither _____ of the planet Earth is inhabited by people.

Edgar's father was a _____ and his mother a Swede.

Some voters do not admit in an exit _____ how they really voted.

His opinion on the subject takes the opposite _____ from his best friend's.

A _____ is used to reach the apples in the tops of the trees.

The final results of the _____ show that neither candidate won a majority of the votes.

poor-pore-pour

- * poor - having few material possessions.
- * poor - inferior in value or quality.
- * poor - eliciting pity or sympathy.
- * poor - unproductive; fruitless.
- * pore - a tiny opening in the surface of a membrane through which materials pass.
- * pore - to read or study something attentively.
- * pore - to reflect on or ponder something.
- * pour - to cause something to flow steadily.
- * pour - to produce something freely in large supply or quantity.
- * pour - to rain hard.

I feel sorry for _____ Betsy with all of her troubles.

Mark used to _____ over any book dealing with jets.

The weatherman said it will ____ for the next three days.

An old pickup truck is a _____ substitute for a luxury car when it comes to driving comfort.

Let me _____ over your suggestion before making a decision.

As a child, he was very _____.

_____ the milk slowly so you don 't spill it.

This year's corn crop was very _____.

Most parents _____ love and affection onto their children.

An infected skin _____ can be painful.

precedent-president

- precedent - an example, rule, or judgment that may later serve as a basis for decisions in similar cases.
- precedent - a prior occurrence of a similar type that provides an example.

- president - any presiding officer of an organization; a chief official or executive; a chief of state.

The teacher's behavior set a _____ for her student's behavior.

In the United States, a _____ is elected every four years.

In this judicial case, there is no _____ indicating how the problem might be handled.

principal-principle

- principal - most important or influential.
- principal - the authoritative person in control, usually of a school.
- principal - a sum of money that is loaned and upon which interest is paid and repayment is due; the main part of an estate.
- principle - a fundamental rule, law, or code of conduct.
- principle - the underlying facts of operation of nature.

Ms. Brown will be the new _____ of the school.

This new invention is based on the _____ of gravity.

One of the _____ characters in the story is a stray dog.

Our system of justice is based on the _____-of equality.

The couple made monthly payments on the _____ - of their car loan

profit-prophet

- profit - a gain or return over and above an expenditure.
- profit - to benefit or gain from something.
- prophet - a person who tells of divinely inspired revelations or predicts the future.
- prophet - a spokesperson for a cause or group.

In order for any progress to be made, a strong _____ for the cause needs to emerge.

Isaiah was a _____ in biblical times.

If you buy those stocks now, you stand to earn a nice _____ in the future.

We will all _____ from our hard work.

rabbet-rabbit

- rabbet - a groove cut into a surface and designed to be fitted with a corresponding member to form a joint.
 - rabbet - to cut or fit a groove.
 - rabbit - a small, long-eared mammal belonging to the hare family.
- We need to _____ this surface in order to get a good fit.
Sally plans to show her _____ at the fair this summer.
Carpenters will often use a _____ to join two pieces of wood neatly.

rain-reign-rein

- rain - falling precipitation in the form of droplets.
- rain - to fall or pour down on someone or something like rain.
- reign- to possess or exercise power or authority over someone or something.

reign - to predominate or rule over someone or something.

reign - the period of influence of a monarch or sovereign.

rein- a check line on either side of a bridle or halter that is used to control an animal.

- rein - complete freedom.

Sometimes monarchs _____ over their subjects for decades.

Some parents give free _____.

The cool, refreshing _____ was a relief after the hot, windy day.

The queen 's _____ was marred by much violence.

Pull back on the bridle _____ to get control of the horse.

Insult after insult continued to _____ down on the unpopular speaker.

Our bosses _____ over everyone in the company.

rap-wrap

- rap -] a sharp knock or blow.
- rap - a criticism; a rebuke.
- rap - to arrest, retain, or charge with criminal action. (Police or underworld slang.)

- rap - to perform in a rhythmic, musical style by the same name in which lyrics are spoken to a steady background beat rather than sung.
- wrap - to enclose or bundle something or someone by enfolding or covering; to embrace someone or something.
- wrap [up] [rrep] to completely immerse or involve someone in something.
- wrap - an outer garment, similar to a cloak, that wraps around the body.

Her _____ was a simple woolen shawl.

I heard a _____ on the door.

Let's wrap__ ourselves in these warm blankets.

The police plan to _____ the suspect with the recent crimes.

Some people _____ themselves up completely in their work.

Many high school students learn to _____ after school.

The man offered a stinging ____ to his opponent's comments.

read-reed

- read - to understand or utter aloud written or printed matter.
- read - to interpret the meaning of someone or something.
- read - to predict or foretell something.
- reed - a tall, slender grass, usually found growing in marshy areas.
- reed [rid] a thin, flexible slat of wood or cane fixed to the end of the mouthpiece of some musical instruments.

How do you _____ the sudden change in John 's behavior ?

The stem of a _____ is hollow. \

The saxophone and clarinet are two instruments that require a _____ to produce sound.

Most children learn to _____ in first or second grade.

Astrologers claim to _____ the future by studying the stars.

recede-reseed

- recede - to draw or pull back or away from something.
- recede - to decrease.
- reseed - to sow seed again.

His financial debt finally began to _____.
After the heavy rain, we had to _____ the garden.
After two days at flood level, the river began to _____
wheat field. 0 Some fields naturally reseed themselves.

receipt-reseat

- receipt - the act of receiving.
- receipt - a written acknowledgement of items or goods received.
- receipt - to mark something as paid.
- reseat - to seat someone again.
- reseat - to repair or replace the seat of something.

It will be necessary to _____ four of the antique chairs we purchased at the auction.

Bring your _____ if you must return an item to the store.

The ushers were asked to _____ the audience following the false fire alarm.

I will _____ the invoice when I receive the payment.

You will be paid upon the _____ of the signed contract.

rest-wrest

- rest - to repose in sleep or relaxation.
- rest - a place for resting or lodging.
- rest - to bring something to an end.
- rest - remains; leftovers.
- rest - a rhythmic silence in music.
- wrest – to take something or someone forcibly; to gain something with difficulty.
- wrest - to change the significance or truth of something.

The prince was unable to _____ power from the king

Let's just let that unlikely idea _____.

My aunt's cat uses her mantle as _____

Put the _____ of the food in the refrigerator.

Joan tends to _____ the truth when making excuses for herself

I think I'll _____ after that vigorous walk.

The drummer ignored the _____ and continued playing.

right-rite-wright-write

- right - correct; appropriate.
- right [- righteous.
- right - genuine.
- right - to justify or change something that is wrong.
- right - a direction that is opposite of left.
- rite - ceremony; a precise manner of carrying out a ceremonial tradition.
- wright - someone who makes or repairs certain things. (Usually seen in compounds such as wheelwright and shipwright.)
- write - to draw up, author, or compose something in writing.

He is a _____ and honorable man.

The author hopes to _____ a biography about that famous sculptor.

The priest will perform the _____ of baptism at the church this morning.

Please wear the _____ type of clothing on the camping trip.

Grandpa looked all over the county for a wheel _____

Make sure the antiques you purchase are _____ and are not reproductions.

It is too late to _____ the damage that has been done.

Turn _____ at the next traffic light.

roe-row

- roe - the eggs of fish.
- row - to propel a boat by using oars.
- row - to form something into rows.
- row - a number of objects in a sequence or series.

Be careful how you _____ the vegetable plants in the garden.

If you don't want to _____, we can use the outboard motor.

Each _____ of desks was neatly aligned in the classroom.

The _____ of sturgeon is known as camar.

role-roll

- role -] a part played by a singer or actor.
 - role - a function.
 - roll - a scroll.
 - roll - a list of names.
 - roll - something formed into the shape of a roll.
 - roll - to cause someone or something to move forward by turning over and over.
 - roll - to rob a person by pilfering his or her pockets.
- We 'll never know for sure what ____ he played in the discovery.
Someone entered the dormitory room and tried to _____ the occupants while they slept.
Her ____ in the play was a minor one.
Jessie had a _____ of dollar bills in his pocket.
Before we begin, let me call _____.
The messenger handed the _____ to the king.
It is easier to _____ an object down a hill than to carry it.

rude-rued

- rude - lacking refinement or tact; offensive in action or manner.
 - rued [rud] the past tense and past participle of rue 'to feel sorrow or regret about something. ' (Almost always in the expression rue the day.)
- As a lonely millionaire, John _____ the day he wished for fame and fortune.
His supervisor is a _____ person.

rye -wry

- rye - a hardy grain used for cereal or grown for cover.
 - wry - cleverly humorous, often with a grim or ironic twist.
 - wry - made with facial contortions.
- His _____ smile made me suspicious.
Most of the farmland is planted in barley and _____.

Tom has a _____sense of humor.

sac-sack

- sac - a pouch containing fluid inside a plant or animal.
- sack - a container made of paper or other material that is used to carry items.
- sack - a loose-fitting style of coat or dress.
- sack - dismissal.
- sack - to plunder or loot something after capture.
- sack - to put something into a sack.
- sack - to fire or let someone go.

Most employers don't like to _____-faithful workers in bad times.

The soldiers continued to _____ the city for days.

Will you help me _____ these groceries ?

After working for the company for ten years, his _____ was totally unexpected.

I carried my groceries home in a _____

Will you help me _____ these groceries ?

Among seahorses, the male carries the egg _____ containing the young.

The _____ was once a very popular dress style.

saver-savor

- saver - a person who collects and keeps something.
- saver - a person who rescues someone or something from harm.
- savor – to relish or delight in something.
- savor - to smell or taste something with great pleasure.
- savor - a distinctive smell or flavor.

Vintage wine has a unique _____ - all its own.

Bernice is a compulsive _____ of food coupons.

Mary likes to _____ - her first cup of coffee of the morning.

The smell of the first campfire of the season is an odor to _____.

Smith is known as a _____-of lost or injured animals.

sea-see

- sea - the body of saltwater covering most of the earth's Surface
- see - to visualize something or someone.
- see - to understand something.
- see - to examine or watch someone or something.
- see - to escort or accompany someone or something to some place.

The boys promised to _____ their dates home.

Not all fish can live in _____

I can _____ trouble brewing.

Wait and _____ what develops.

Susan did not _____ the point he was trying to make.

scull-skull

- scull - a type of oar used at the stern or back of a boat to move it forward.
- scull - a racing boat propelled by sculls.
- scull - to propel a boat using a scull or large oar.
- skull - the skeleton of the head of a vertebrate that encloses and protects the brain.
- skull - a mind.

A great deal of strength is needed to man a racing _____

Workmen uncovered the _____ of a large mammal at the building site.

Try to get this message into your _____.

The _____ accidentally fell into the water.

The plan was to _____ the vessel rather than use its motor.

serf-surf

- serf - a member of the peasant class bound to the land and subject to the will of the owner or overseer in a feudal society.
- surf - the swell, foam, splash, or sound of breaking waves upon a shore.
- surf - to ride the waves.

Curt learned to _____ while visiting relatives in California.
Each _____ was allowed to keep a portion of the crops he grew.
The sound of the _____ lulled me to sleep.

set-sit

- set - to place something onto something.
- sit - to rest on one's buttocks, as in a chair.

Please _____ over there.

Would you please ___ - this vase on the mantel?

Soar- sore

- soar - to sail or fly high and unencumbered.
- soar - to move upward in status or position.
- sore - an open, often infected wound.

sore - to be painfully sensitive.

sore - a source of irritation or pain.

sore - vexed or angered

The actor's popularity began to _____ with the release of his first movie.

You should put some salve on that ____.

I wonder what it is like to _____ in a glider plane.

Any discussion of his past was a _____ for him.

My back is _____ today for some reason.

Don't be a _____ - loser

sole-soul

sole - the bottom part of a foot or shoe.

sole - the lower part or base of something on which something else rests.

sole - to furnish something with the lower part or base of something.

sole - a tasty, white-fleshed fish.

sole - only; lone.

soul - the spiritual part of a human being.

Fred felt that his _____ would live on after his death.

I have a cut on the _____ of my foot.

He couldn't decide whether to order the shrimp or the _____ on the menu.

The _____ of her golf club has been damaged.

The _____ judge in the case found the defendant not guilty.

The cobbler will _____ a pair of shoes for only eight dollars.

son-sun

- son - a male offspring of human beings.
- sun- a warmth-providing celestial body around which the Earth and other planets revolve.
- sun - the light or heat given off from the sun.
- sun - something resembling the sun's brilliance.

The lawyer had her moment in the _____ when she won the famous court case.

In Scotland it is considered lucky to be the seventh _____ - of a seventh son.

I remember seeing a total eclipse of the _____ once as a child.

The bright _____ seemed to lighten our spirits.

stationary -stationery

- stationary - not moving; unchanging in place or condition.
- stationery - letter-writing materials such as ink, pen, paper, and envelopes.

Dad went into the store to buy some _____ items.

The weatherman said a _____ storm front had settled over the region.

I have several pretty styles of _____.

suite-sweet

- suite - a group of rooms occupied as a single unit.
- suite - the collection of personnel accompanying a dignitary or ruler on official business.

• suite - a musical composition with a number of movements, usually in the same key.

• sweet - pleasing to the taste, mind, or feelings.

• sweet - dearest; much beloved.

• sweet - great; terrific.

Winning the tournament was such a _____ experience.

The only vacancy in the hotel was a large _____.

The child's _____ temperament was the opposite of her twin sister's.

The king's entire _____ traveled with him wherever he went.

The audience applauded after the orchestra played the _____ of ballet music.

"Marry me, my _____, "

tail-tale

• tail - an extension of the spine at the rear end of an animal, usually covered with hair.

• tail - the end or final process of something.

•tail - to follow behind or trail something or someone.

• tail - to follow someone in order to conduct surveillance.

• tale -] an untrue report or piece of gossip.

• tale - a story.

• tale - a lie.

Streams of exhaust _____ the jets through the sky.

She fooled no one with her _____ of what happened.

We were all glad to see the _____ end of the project in sight.

We could not believe her _____.

The detective decided to _____ the suspect all night long.

She read the _____ with much expression.

My dog has a short, stubby _____.

tare-tear

(See also tear- tier.)

• tare - a weedy plant often used as ground cover.

- tare - the calculation of the weight of a substance and its container minus the weight of the container.
- tear - a hole or flaw caused by tearing.
- tear - to separate or pull something into parts.
- tear - to remove or wrench something from someone or something forcibly.
- tear - to move or act hastily or violently.

Your cost will be figured by the _____ of the liquid.

The speeding car continued to ____ down the street in a dangerous manner.

He could not ____ himself away from the interesting novel.

Many gardeners use a ____ to keep the soil from eroding.

We need to _____ this paper into long strips.

Did you know this shirt has a _____ in it?

thyme-time

- thyme - an aromatic garden herb that belongs to the mint family and is used in cooking.
- time - the period during which something occurs.
- time - an appointed moment or hour when something should happen.
- time - a tempo, rhythm, or beat.
- time- a geological or historical age.
- time - an experience.
- time - to keep the time of something or someone.

Jody was asked to ____ the swimmers at the swim meet.

The recipe calls for one-half teaspoon of _____.

The drummer kept _____ with the other musicians.

We had a wonderful ____ on our vacation.

At what _____ do you expect to be home ?

I never seem to have enough _____ to do my chores.

There was a _____ when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

tic-tick

- tic -] a frequent, localized twitch, usually involving facial muscles.
- tick - a bloodsucking insect that is dependent upon a warm-blooded host for survival and often spreads disease.
- tick - a soft, rhythmic beat often associated with timepieces.
- tick - a light mark used as an indicator.
- tick - a straw, feather, or fabric-filled case used as a mattress.
- tick -to make a ticking sound.

Those clocks all _____ in different tones.

The common deer _____ is responsible for spreading Lyme disease.

Put a _____ next to each item on the invoice.

His awful experiences during the war left the soldier with a nervous _____.

The loud _____ of the clock kept Joe awake at night.

This sleeping _____ is not very comfortable.

tide-tied

• tide -a rising and falling of the surface of an ocean, sea, or gulf, influenced by the gravitational pull of the sun and moon.

• tide - something that fluctuates like the tide.

• tied - the past tense and past participle of tie 'to make a knot or bow. '

• tied [together] - the past tense and past participle of tie [together] 'to unite two or more people or things.'

The two corporations _____ together to form one company.

Do not go swimming at high _____.

The child _____ his shoelaces all by himself

The _____ of her mood swings is unpredictable.

tray-trey

• tray - a flat-surfaced, open receptacle, often without sides or with shallow sides, used for carrying or displaying articles.

• trey [tre] a card, die, or domino displaying three symbols or dots.

His poker hand revealed two pairs and a _____.
Grandmother's silver tea service sits on a _____ in the china cabinet.

troop-troupe

- troop - a group of soldiers.
- troop - a collection of objects or people.
- troop - a flock of birds; an assembly of mammals.
- troop - a unit of Girl or Boy Scouts under the direction of a leader.
- troupe - a group of stage or traveling performers.

An interested _____ of listeners heard the speaker talk.

That theatrical _____ has been on the road performing for a long time.

When my brothers were young, my father served two as leader of their _____.

The small _____ entered the city after dark.

A baboon _____ is a highly organized and complex unit.

undo-undue

- undo - to open or unfasten something by releasing.
- undo - to nullify something.
- undo - to ruin or reverse the fortunes of someone or something.
- undue - unnecessary or inappropriate.
- undue - not due.

He could not _____ the damage done to his garden by the heavy rain.

The bill is undue until the end of the month.

I was unable to _____ the padlock on the gate.

The political candidate thought _____ attention was being given to his private life.

The athlete tried to undo his competitor's chances of winning

vail-vale-veil

- vail - to remove one's hat to show respect. (Archaic English.)
- vale - a valley; a dale.

- veil - a covering of cloth worn to conceal the face.
- veil - a covering used to conceal or hide something.
- veil - to conceal something.

The man tried to _____ his uneasiness by laughing.

From the mountaintop the little hamlet nestled in the _____ looked like a miniature village.

The bride's _____ was made of white netting.

The peasant was told to _____ his hat in the presence of the noble family.

Women in some countries are required to wear a _____ when in public.

A _____ was used to cover the sculpture until the dedication ceremony.

vain-vane-vein

- vain - conceited; self-centered.
- vain - unsuccessful.
- vane - a device used to determine the direction of the wind.
- vane - the wide, flat part of a feather.
- vane - a blade of a windmill.
- vein - a layer of minerals in the earth.
- vein - a blood vessel that carries blood to the heart.
- vein - a line of thought.

The prospector discovered a _____ of silver in the earth.

The speaker continued his discussion in a serious _____.

The business will continue to operate along the same _____.

The _____ on the bird's wing is bright red.

The movie star is a very vain _____ person.

Only a single _____ remained on the rusted windmill.

The nurse will draw blood from a _____ in your arm.

The _____ on the roof of the barn is pointing north.

Her many _____ attempts to pass the driver's test left her unhappy.

vary-very

- vary - to change something; to cause something to deviate.
- very - to a high degree.
- very - precise.
- very - mere.

The _____ idea of eating insects sickened him.

Janice has been _____ successful in her new job.

Each year the firm tries to _____ its marketing campaign.

His comments struck my _____ conscience.

My aunt bought the _____ dress I liked.

vice-vise

- vice - corruption; crime.
 - vice - a moral or physical shortcoming, imperfection, or taint.
- vice - secondary; serving in the place of someone.
- vise - a device used to hold some object in place by means of a clamp.

Her only _____ is a weakness for chocolate.

The gangster was involved in all sorts of _____.

A _____ has many uses in carpentry.

His father was the _____-president of the poetry society.

wail-wale-whale

- wail - a mournful cry.
- wail - a prolonged expression of grief, sadness, or pain.
- wail - to utter a cry of grief or pain.
- wale - a raised rib in a piece of fabric.
 - wale - a welt, usually on the surface of the skin.
 - wale - to raise or mark the skin with welts.
- whale [w\el] a large, ocean mammal that bears and suckles live young.
- whale - a person, event, or object massive or impressive in size or qualities.
 - whale - to thrash someone.

That corduroy fabric comes in both a wide and narrow _____.
 The scratch by the tree branch left a long _____ on his arm.
 The forlorn _____ of the coyote was heard throughout the valley.
 The attackers continued to _____ the helpless man.
 The _____ of the mourners was terrible to hear.
 The blue _____ is the earth 's largest living creature.
 We heard the woman _____ from a distance.
 "Boy, that was a _____ of a concert!" commented Todd.
 "If you don 't behave, I'll _____ your behind!" threatened the upset mother.

waist-waste

- waist- the mid-section of a human torso between the ribs and the hips.
- waist - a short garment or part of a garment covering the body from the neck to the waist; a bodice.
- waste - debris; garbage.
- waste - scrap.
- waste - loss of body weight, tissue, or vigor.
- waste - sewage or excrement.
- waste - to ravage; to devastate.
- waste - to cause something to diminish in size, strength, or vitality.
- waste - to consume something carelessly; to allow something to be lost or discarded unused.

We must be careful not to _____ our precious natural resources.
 The waist of her gown was richly detailed.
 The city 's _____ is treated at a nearby sewage treatment plant.
 Scarlett O 'Hara boasted the tiniest _____ in three counties.
 Collect all of the _____ metal to be recycled.
 To see his _____ over a long period of time was very sad.
 The war continues to _____ the impoverished nation.
 All of this _____ must be hauled to the dump.
 We watched her enthusiasm slowly _____ away.

wait-weight

- wait - to remain in place in expectancy.
- wait -to delay or postpone.
- wait - to serve as a waitress or waiter.
- weight - a heavy object.
- weight - a burden or pressure.

The _____ of the difficult decision was almost unbearable.

- weight - a unit of mass or measure.
- weight- the relative value or importance given to something.
 - weight - to place heaviness or weight upon someone or something.
 - weight - to impose a burden upon someone.

A _____ is needed to keep this drapery hanging straight.

I didn 't mean to _____ you down with all of my troubles.

Alex put some _____ in the back of his car to give added traction.

Let's _____ and see what happens next.

The _____ of this issue is very apparent to everyone involved.

_____ down those papers so they don 't blow away.

He decided to _____ for the rain to stop before dashing to the parking lot.

Greg has decided to _____ tables at the local pub for a summer job.

ware-wear-where

- ware - a manufactured commodity or article; merchandise.
- ware - pottery of fired clay.
- wear - to dress in or adorn oneself with articles of clothing.
- wear - to display or have an appearance of something.
- wear - to diminish or deteriorate through use.
- where - in, at, or to what place, position, or situation.
- where - wherever.
- where - locale or place.

Many tennis players now choose to _____ bright colored clothing.

No one is sure of the _____ - and why of the crime.

The carpeting by the front door is beginning to _____.
The cats tend to wander _____they like.
The only _____ - that the company produces is transistor radios.
" _____did you find such a deal ?" quizzed Ray.
_____a look of confidence at your job interview.
After painting the ceramic _____, the artist must fire it again

warn-worn

- warn - to alert, notify, or counsel someone.
- warn - to tell someone to go or leave.
- worn - the past participle of wear 'to dress in or adorn oneself with an article of clothing. '
- worn - the past participle of wear 'to display or have an appearance of something.'
- worn - the past participle of wear [away] 'to cause something to diminish or deteriorate.'

The referees had to _____ the disruptive players off the playing field.

Her illness has _____ - away her energy.
Doctors must _____ - their patients of the side effects of medication.
It seems he hasn 't _____ a smile in weeks.
Have you _____ - that hat before ?

weak-week

- weak - lacking strength, vigor, or stamina.
- weak - deficient in mental or physical capabilities.
- weak - not based soundly on fact or logic.
- weak - lacking required or usual ingredients.
- weak - lame or ineffective.
- weak - barely sounded.
- week - a seven-day cycle or period.

They will be vacationing out East for a _____ in July.
He felt very _____ following his long illness.

This coffee tastes _____ and watery.
The evidence supporting that theory is _____.
The kitten uttered a _____ meow.
As she aged, my aunt's eyesight grew _____.
The boy offered a _____ excuse for his tardiness.

wet-whet

- wet - moist, damp.
- wet - containing liquid.
- wet - rainy.
- wet - permitting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.
- wet - all wrong. (Slang.)
- wet - to make something wet.
- wet - to urinate on or in something.
- whet - to sharpen something by rubbing on or with an object.

• whet - to make something sharp or more acute.

Yesterday was a _____ day.

A glass of wine before dinner will only _____ your appetite.

Harry was all _____-in his recollection of the accident.

You may _____ that knife on this special stone.

Hubbard County is one of the few _____ counties in the state.

This towel is soaking _____.

His shirt was _____ with sweat.

_____ - down the driveway to keep the dust from blowing around.

The child got so excited that she _____ her trousers.

which -witch

- which - what one or ones out of a group.
- which - a pronoun that introduces a clause.
- which - whichever.
- witch - a woman who practices witchcraft.

- witch - to bewitch someone or something.

_____ picture do you prefer?

Don 't try to _____ me with your black magic.

You may choose _____ you like best.

The woman who lived alone down by the creek was thought to be a _____.

The stolen items, _____h were thought to be lost forever, were finally located.

whine-wine

- whine - a plaintive, prolonged cry.
- whine - to cry in a forlorn or distressed way.
- whine - o complain in a manner resembling a whine.

• wine - a fermented, alcoholic beverage made from fruit or plants; something that intoxicates or makes heady.

• wine - a purplish-red color.

• wine - to drink wine.

The company likes to _____ and dine its new executives.

The _____ has a full, fruity flavor.

The constant _____ of the puppy upset the entire household.

The new house is decorated in colors of forest green and _____.

The baby continued to _____ - after getting an injection.

My sister is not one to _____ when things don 't go her way.

yoke-yolk

- yoke - a wooden frame worn over the necks of work animals.
- yoke Uok] some oppressive or restrictive bond, duty, or agency.
- yoke - a shaped and fitted piece of fabric that is part of the shoulders of a garment; the top portion of a skirt.

The dress had a smocked _____.

• yolk - the mass of yellow inside an egg.

I cracked open an egg that had a double _____-.

The team of oxen were joined by a _____

His impending court appearance was a _____ he did not look forward to.

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A job occupation work employment profession

1. People in the medical _____ work long hours.
2. In order to get a(n) _____ as a computer analyst, you need a degree in computer science.
3. Betty has been out of _____ since January
4. _____ agencies help people find work in their field.
5. I was asked to write my present _____ on the application form.

B task course duty

1. They were set the _____ of cleaning the room after the meeting
2. It is a nurse's _____ to make the patients feel comfortable.
3. Her marks are quite high, so she can choose between a medical or a law _____ at university.

**C employer employee colleague assistant
 clerk office attendant**

1. The shop _____ helped me choose a jumper that suited me.
2. The car park _____ is responsible for parking customer' cars.
3. All _____ are expected to be at work by 8.30. Our _____ insists on it.
4. Jill worked as a(n) _____ or a law firm before entering politics.
5. All my _____ at the office are friendly.
6. Bob is a senior _____ in the armed forces.

D party crew staff

1. A member of a political _____ gave a speech in the town centre last night.
2. The teaching _____ at our school have formed a basketball team
3. The search _____ had no luck in finding the missing child.
4. The ship's _____ served drinks as the ship set sail.

E aim goal intention challenge success ambition

1. The Maths problem was a(n) _____ and took me over an hour to solve.
2. The _____ of environmental organisations is to stop environmental destruction.
3. People with _____ will always try to achieve their _____.
4. Their first album was a great _____ and sold two million copies worldwide.
5. I have no _____ of changing my plans for tonight.

F achieve fulfil cope deal face succeed

1. John _____ in convincing his boss to give him the day off.
2. He doesn't _____ with crisis situations very well.
3. Despite his health problems, Joe _____ his ambition to play in the local football team.
4. The Johnstons are _____ financial difficulties after Mrs Johnston lost her job.
5. Kim put a lot of work into her project and _____ excellent results.

6. During his career as a teacher, he has _____ with students from different backgrounds.

G manage run operate undertake

1. You have to read the instructions carefully before you _____ the photocopying machine.
2. Brett couldn't find experienced staff so he _____ his business on his own for a few months.
3. Kate was supposed to _____ the training of the new staff.
4. The company is _____ by two people who share the responsibilities.

H skills qualities qualifications experience

1. To get the job you must have three years' _____ in telecommunications and the necessary _____, one of which is a university degree.
2. Leadership _____ are required by a Prime Minister, as well as communication _____.
3. Learning to windsurf was a fantastic _____!

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**A look see watch notice regard
 stare glance observe**

1. We spent weeks in Africa _____ the way lions catch their prey.
2. Did you _____ the tie he was wearing? It had pink elephants on it!
3. The students _____ the new teacher with curiosity.

4. Always _____ left and then right before crossing the road.
5. Don't _____ at people like that! It's really rude.
6. I _____ a great science fiction film last night.
7. Before I bought the magazine, I _____ through it quickly.
8. I couldn't help _____ the big red spots on his face.
9. Bill _____ at his watch and started running. He was late for school.

B find out invent discover detect

1. Many serious illnesses may be cured if they are _____ early enough.
2. "We must _____ as much as we can about the gang," said the detective.
3. Was it Captain Cook who _____ Australia?
4. The first camera, the Kodak 1, was _____ by G. Eastman in 1888.

**C explore investigate look for look up
(do) research**

1. The police came to _____ the murder immediately.
2. I still have _____ to do for my project on sharks.
3. I must _____ this word in the dictionary, because I don't remember what it means.
4. Mum, I'm _____ my trainers. Have you seen them?
5. As soon as the five friends got to the cave, they decided to _____ it

D attempt effort trial experiment

1. It takes a lot of _____ and patience to learn how to play a musical instrument.

2. John's case came to _____ and in the end he was found innocent.
3. The athlete failed in his last _____ to break the world record.
4. Many cosmetic companies claim they don't carry out _____ on animals.
5. I worked for the company for a(n) _____ period of two weeks before I was fully employed.

E audience spectators viewers sightseers
onlookers witnesses

1. The _____ disagreed with the referee's decision and interrupted the football match.
2. The two teenagers claimed they were just _____ and had nothing to do with the fight.
3. Paris attracts thousands of _____ all year round.
4. At the end of the play, the _____ applauded enthusiastically.
5. The _____ were asked to give a detailed description of the accident.
6. The concert was broadcast on TV and attracted one billion _____ worldwide.

F memorise remind recall recognise

1. I didn't _____ her at first. She had changed a lot.
2. I had to _____ his phone number because I didn't have a pen to write it down.
3. I'll ring Dad to _____ him to buy coffee, otherwise he'll forget.
4. My grandfather can slit _____ scenes of World War II.

G view sight image vision scene

1. The sun affects my _____ . when I'm driving, so I always wear sunglasses.
2. We have a superb _____ of the sea from our balcony.
3. The child started to cry at the _____ the dogs.
4. The television show was about the _____ you can visit in Rome.
5. The police arrived at the _____ .of the accident within minutes.
6. An actor's _____ is important for his career.
7. I ran out of paint, so I couldn't finish the sky for the background _____ in the play.
8. When we were leaving the flower show, we were asked to fill in a questionnaire to give our _____ on what we had seen.

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A rise raise arise lift

1. Should the need _____ we'll order more food for the extra guests.
2. The charity organization _____ enough money to build a shelter for the refugees.
3. The sun _____ in the East and sets in the West.
4. We _____ at seven every weekday to get ready for school.
5. Can you _____ the table so that I can slide the rug underneath?

B **grow** **grow up** **bring up** **(be) born**
 become

1. In the last six months Joe has _____ taller by 15 centimetres.
2. When Brett was _____ he weighed 3.8 kilograms.
3. Most parents have fond memories of the years they were _____ their children.
4. When Jean _____, she wants to _____ a mechanical engineer.

C **educate** **learn** **teach** **study**
 read **instruct**

1. I always _____ a book just before I go to sleep.
2. John was _____ in France, so his French is very good.
3. Michelle works in the gym _____ people how to use the equipment properly.
4. In my final year I had to _____ at least four hours every day to _____ everything that was required for the exams.
5. I _____ Physics and Maths at the local high school.
6. The examiner _____ us to pick up our pens once we had _____ the questions carefully.

D **behavior** **attitude** **temper** **mood**
 manner **manners**

1. My parents had to see the headmaster because of my bad _____ in class.
2. After the argument, Jake was in a bad _____ and wouldn't speak to anyone.
3. If Betty wants to keep her job, she must change her _____ towards her boss

- Where did you learn such excellent table _____?
- The children like him because of his gentle _____.
- Cliff is so calm that I have never seen him lose his _____.
- What you're saying should be done in a professional _____.

E familiar accustomed aware

- I hope you're _____ of the dangers involved in rock climbing.
- Is anyone in this classroom _____ with the word "incubator"?
- That woman looks _____ to me. I'm sure I've seen her before.
- Paul is feeling tired because he's not _____ to working for so long without a break.

F custom habit fashion trend routine

- Going to work has become a daily _____ for most people.
- The general _____ for men in the 1970s was to have long hair and sideburns.
- In many countries it is the _____ to roast turkey for Christmas.
- Sandra has the bad .. _____ .of biting her nails.
- Slightly flared trousers are in _____ this year so many people are wearing them.
- If you go shopping, definitely go to Blare's. They've got all the latest _____.

G common ordinary usual normal regular

- It is _____ to feel weak when you are ill, even if you've just got a _____ cold.

2. _____ exercise means working out for one hour at least twice a week.
3. It was a(n) _____ weekend. We went to the cinema on Saturday evening and for a drive on Sunday morning, as _____.
4. I get on very well with my friends because we have many things in _____.

H **eager** **keen** **enthusiastic**
interested **willing**

1. I am _____ to help you with your homework if you make an effort.
2. He's really _____ on heavy metal music. That's all he listens to.
3. Please sit down as I'm _____ to start the meeting.
4. Billy is a(n) _____ tennis player, so he plays tennis every afternoon.
5. Sheila is _____ in taking up gardening this spring.
6. We were _____ about going to Ireland for Christmas.

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A **travel** **transfer** **transport** **transmit**

1. I need to _____ some money from my savings account to my current account.
2. My father usually _____ to work by car.
3. The goods were _____ to the United States.

4. The information is _____ by satellite throughout the world.
5. Jerry got _____ to Bristol and he is moving there next week.

B arrive get reach come approach appear

1. It took us a long time to _____ to the theatre but we, _____ in time for the first act.
2. The ocean liner _____ on the horizon and within two hours it had _____ the port.
3. Would you like to _____ to our house tonight?
4. I was _____ by a beggar asking for money.
5. We _____ at the village late at night.

C carry fetch deliver

1. Can you _____ that bottle from the top shelf?
2. Some supermarkets now arrange for your shopping to be _____ to your door.
3. I couldn't _____ the boxes by myself so I asked the shop assistant to bring them to my car.

D voyage journey trip tour excursion travel expedition cruise flight

1. Our class is going on a(n) _____ to the zoo tomorrow.
2. Joan kept a diary of her _____ through Europe.
3. Our _____ on the ocean liner lasted two weeks.
4. Many explorers have died on _____ to the Antarctic.
5. It's a nine-hour bus _____ from Melbourne to Sydney.

6. We went on a Mediterranean _____ for our honeymoon.
7. We were given a(n) _____ of the ancient castle as soon as we arrived.
8. Our _____ to Bangkok was delayed so our _____ to Asia was out off for a day.

E guide direct lead ride

1. I recently bought a bicycle to _____ to work. Surprisingly, I get there faster than when I used to drive my car there.
2. Could you please _____ me to the train station?
3. This road _____ to the castle at the top of the hill.
4. We were _____ around the museum and saw its most famous exhibits.
5. _____ the way. John, and we'll follow you.

**F address road street way direction
 route path**

1. You'll need a map to find your _____ around this city.
2. I need your new _____ so that I can keep in touch with you.
3. I'll find the _____ to your house by looking up the _____ in the directory.
4. We must follow the _____ Judy gave us, or we'll never find the _____ her house is on.
5. The hikers took the _____ that led to the castle.
6. They walked carefully through the woods following the _____.
7. We were up and ready at sunrise and headed in the _____ of the mountains.

G **site** **position** **location** **point**
 place **room** **space**

1. The _____ of the house is ideal, with the living _____ overlooking the bay/
2. To enter the building _____ you must wear a hard hat.
3. What _____ do you play in the school football team?
4. Do you live in a _____ of your own or do you still rent?
5. The starting _____ for the marathon is on the corner of Bell and Church Street.
6. He travelled to a lot of _____ while working as a flight attendant.
7. There wasn't enough _____ In the house for the children to play, so I told them to go outside.
8. It took us over half an hour to find a parking _____.

H **foreign** **strange** **different**
 peculiar **curious**

1. He's got a _____ accent; I can't understand which part of England he comes from.
2. According to astrologers. Aquarians are _____ people who want to know everything about everyone.
3. Melissa buys a _____ car every two years.
4. It's definitely an advantage to know a few _____.
5. There's a _____ smell coming from the kitchen. Is something burning?

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A **borrow** **lend** **let** **hire** **rent**

1. My friends and I _____ a car to travel around the island.
2. Can you _____ me some money? I'll pay you back on Friday.
3. Some of the rooms in the country house were _____ to tourists for the weekends.
4. I _____ money from the bank to buy a house.
5. My parents _____ a tutor to help me with Maths.
6. The first thing I did when I went to Crete was _____ a house by the sea.

B spend waste save afford

1. I have been _____ a lot of money lately on things I don't really need. I usually _____ all my income and don't _____ any money for a rainy day.
2. John _____ too much time on the computer and doesn't pay enough attention to his homework. Of course, he can't _____ to be _____ time, especially now that he's got exams.

**C bill fare fee fine ticket receipt
 account discount tax**

1. The _____ department expects all customers to get a _____ with every purchase they make, otherwise they will have to pay a(n) _____.
2. I had to complain to the telephone company about my extremely high phone _____ which I was not prepared to pay. In the end they gave me a(n) _____ and I paid less.
3. When he had his wallet stolen, he didn't have any money to pay for his bus _____.
4. I bought an airline _____ for Madrid with British Airways.
5. _____ is automatically withdrawn from my pay every month.

6. Most universities require that tuition _____ should be paid at the beginning of each academic year.
7. Sheila got a parking _____ for parking on the pavement.
8. My parents have a(n) _____ with the local shop and pay the amount they owe every month.

**D salary wage payment income bonus
allowance award reward donation**

1. My _____ gets paid into my bank account every fortnight.
2. Steve's parents give him a weekly _____, which he can use any way he likes.
3. Some people give _____ to charity organisations.
4. Young workers under the age of 21 get the minimum _____ set by the law.
5. My _____ from my job isn't sufficient to cover my weekly expenses. Only when I get a(n) _____ as a(n) _____ for excellent results can I afford something special for myself.
6. Your car _____ are due on the 10th of each month.
7. I received a Young Achiever's _____ for getting the best exam score in the school.

E owe own possess keep belong

1. Who does this pen _____ to? If no one _____ It, then I'll _____ it.
2. Muhammad Ali _____ a lot of strength and speed in the ring.
3. They _____ their house, but still _____ some money to the bank.
4. He's _____ all his toys in a box in the attic.

F price prize charge value bargain worth tip

1. The National Lottery's main _____ was £2 million.
2. When eating out, it is advisable to leave a _____ for the waiter.
3. The thieves stole millions of dollars _____ of paintings from the gallery.
4. The _____ of our house has gone up since we renovated it.
5. That restaurant has very reasonable _____. It's certainly _____ for money and _____ visiting.
6. My new sofa was a real _____. I got it for half the price.
7. You can have the appliances delivered free of _____.

**G precious valuable priceless worthless
economic economical financial**

1. Some of Picasso's paintings are _____. Only a billionaire could afford to buy them.
2. The police have been guarding the _____ stones on display at the gallery.
3. When Rose lost her job, she was in a difficult _____ situation for a while. It didn't help that she hadn't been _____ and not saved a penny while she was employed.
4. The country's _____ situation has improved ever since the development of the tourist industry.
5. Thank you for your _____ advice. You've helped me a great deal.
6. Julie gave away some of her fake jewellery because she thought it was _____ and just took up space.

**H loan debt sum amount deposit
instalment budge**

1. We're on a tight _____ this month because we have many expenses. Our housing _____ and car _____ are due in the next few days.
2. He had parked illegally and was fined the _____ of £20.
3. Could you please tell me the exact _____ I owe?
4. Joan went to the bank because she wanted to make a(n) _____.
5. He has asked me to lend him money, as he is in _____.

**I cheque cash coins currency
 (bank)notes change**

1. When we arrived in Indonesia, we exchanged some of our money for local _____.
2. I must take all the _____ I've received as _____ to the bank and exchange them for _____ which are lighter.
3. When paying by _____ always write your address and sign the back of it.
4. I'm paying-for the shoes in _____.

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A think consider regard believe mean

1. Please _____ my offer and call me if you decide to sell.
2. I have been _____ of taking a holiday. I _____ I deserve it because I've worked hard all year.
3. The death penalty is _____ as a barbaric practice by most people.

4. I don't _____ he really _____ what he is saying, because he's usually joking.

5. I didn't _____ to offend you. Please _____ me.

B **realize** **understand** **recognize** **meet**
introduce **present** **appreciate**

1. One day I'd like to _____ my favorite film star and get his autograph.

2. That's the journalist that _____ the evening news.
Don't you _____ her?

3. The teacher didn't _____ that the students hadn't understood what he was saying.

4. Aren't you going to _____ me to your friend? I haven't _____ her before.

5. I _____ your help, but you must _____.
that I want to do this on my own.

C **assume** **guess** **suppose** **estimate**
calculate **predict**

1. Since I hadn't studied for the test. I had to _____ most of the answers.

2. We were _____ to play football today, but we cancelled it.

3. It's almost impossible to _____ what the future holds.

4. I _____ I'll be late for work, since there's so much traffic.

5. We had _____ the value of the house to be around 60.000 dollars but we hadn't _____ the cost of the renovation.

D **idea** **view** **thought** **point**
 aspect **respect** **matter**

1. She's very rude and has no _____ for anyone.
2. You should consider all _____ of his proposal, because he made some interesting _____.
3. In my _____ the education system should change.
4. I can't bear the _____ of going back to work after such a great holiday.
5. There's no _____ in talking to Clark about this problem, as he has no _____ about it.
6. As a(n) _____ of fact, I hired an interior decorator, who gave me some good _____.

E **queue** **line** **aisle** **corridor**
 hall **row**

1. The cornflakes are in the third _____, sir.
2. Walk down the _____ and the toilet is the third door on your right.
3. The entrance _____ to my flat is so small that it's a waste of space.
4. Please get in _____ and wait your turn, madam!
5. We were lucky enough to be given seats in the front _____ at the theatre.
6. There was such a long _____ in the bank that I couldn't be bothered to go in.

F **available** **spare** **free** **convenient**
 handy **usable**

1. When I bought my car, I got the air-conditioner _____ of charge. It really came in _____ during the summer.
2. Every car must have a(n) _____ tyre in the boot.
3. The Red Dog's new album is now _____ in music stores.

4. A laptop computer is very _____ because it is portable and _____ anywhere.
5. I'm _____ tomorrow evening. Would you like to go to the cinema?
6. A car is a very _____ means of transport compared to buses and trains.

G absence lack shortage loss

1. After the accident, my father suffered a gradual _____ of memory.
2. Vicky's _____ from work was noticed, so the boss rang her at home.
3. The _____ of rain created severe _____ of fresh fruit and vegetables.
4. There's a world _____ of energy and scientists are looking for alternative sources.
5. Although I liked living with my family. I was annoyed by the _____ of privacy.

**H short scarce rare inadequate
insufficient**

1. As a botanist he specialises in _____ species of plants.
2. The book costs \$ 21 and I'm _____ by one dollar. Could you lend me some money?
3. A(n) _____ supply of oxygen to the brain can prove lethal.
4. In many parts of the world water is _____.
5. Parking space in the city centre is _____ due to the _____ number of car parks.

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- The doctor _____ me to take a few days off work due to a persistent illness.
- The government _____ making radical changes to the health system.

D tip clue advice information

- The FBI is still looking for _____ to help them catch the dangerous criminal.
- Take my _____ and see your bank manager if you're having financial problems.
- I need _____ regarding the polar bear for my project.
- Our teacher gave us some useful _____ on how to prepare for the exams.

E reliable responsible reasonable respectable

- I bought a television set, as I found the price very _____.
- At camp, each teacher was _____ for twenty students.
- Judges are considered _____ members of society.
- She's a very _____ person, so you can turn to her if you are having any problems.

**F mention refer express comment
report**

- Most western economies are _____ to as "free markets".
- My manager asked me to _____
- The woman _____ her dissatisfaction to the builder for not having the house ready on time.
- The politician refused to _____ on the new tax laws.

5. The children didn't _____ anything about the trip until the last minute.
6. He _____ the theft of his briefcase to the police.

G **announce** **inform****confess** **introduce**
 reveal **publish**

1. When the thief _____ to the robbery, he was officially charged with the crime.
2. The journalist refused to _____ her source, saying it was highly confidential.
3. The well known author _____ his new novel last week.
4. The finance minister _____ that there would be no wage increases for the following year.
5. The headmaster _____ the new teacher to the class.
6. If you lose your credit card, _____ the bank immediately.
7. The potato was _____ to Europe in 1565.

H **ensure** **insure** **reassure** **make**
 sure **confirm**

1. _____ you lock the windows before you go.
2. I had to ring the airline to _____ my flight 48 hours In advance.
3. You should _____ your car against fire and theft.
4. She _____ me that everything would go according to the plan.
5. The role of the judge is to _____ proper legal proceedings.

I **agree** **accept** **admit** **approve**

1. I don't _____ of people smoking In a doctor's waiting room.

2. I don't always _____ with Jessica, because we don't share the same views.
3. After being questioned, the student _____ that he had cheated in the test.
4. Children are warned not to _____ sweets from strangers.

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A **stop** **avoid** **forbid** **prohibit**
 ban **prevent** **escape**

1. Smoking has been _____ in all public places.
2. The examiner asked the students to _____ writing and put down their pens.
3. The government has taken strict measures to _____ accidents on motorways.
4. I take these pills to _____ getting seasick while travelling by boat.
5. For reasons of hygiene, animals are _____ to enter hospitals.
6. She tried to _____ her husband from informing the authorities.
7. She was lucky to _____ a conviction for shoplifting.

B **blame** **accuse** **arrest** **charge** **convict**
 sentence

1. The police _____ Mr Jones and _____ him with assault.
2. Despite the student's protests, the teacher _____ her of cheating.

3. The man was _____ of murder and _____ to twenty years in prison.

4. Don't _____ us for the broken window, we weren't playing football this morning.

C **complaint** **annoyance** **accusation**
 disappointment

1. Much to our _____, we had to wait for over an hour to purchase the tickets.

2. Despite the media hype, the concert was a real _____.

3. I wish to make a(n) _____ about the quality of the food.

4. Don't make false _____ when you don't have proof.

D **chase** **pursue** **hunt** **follow**

1. A stray dog _____ me home today and I'm thinking of keeping it.

2. My brother and I used to _____ each other around the house when we were young.

3. Police have been _____ the terrorists for weeks now but still haven't found them.

4. He wanted to _____ a career in engineering.

E **cause** **excuse** **reason** **purpose** **aim**

1. John has to find a good _____ for being late, otherwise he'll get into trouble.

2. The _____ of the meeting is to discuss next year's plans. If you can't attend it, you must have a good _____, as the _____ is to get everybody's opinion.

3. The carelessness of the driver was the _____ of the fatal accident.

F **rob** **steal** **burgle** **hijack** **deceive**
 cheat **lie** **shoplift** **blackmail**

1. The criminal's innocent looks _____ people into trusting him.
2. Don't _____ to me. I know you weren't at school today!" shouted my mother.
3. Our house was _____ last night and all our valuables were _____.
4. Two terrorists _____ the plane and made the pilot change course.
5. The student tried to _____ during the test, but the teacher caught him and took away his paper.
6. As a teenager. Bob _____ from the local store and was even caught once.
7. Two men _____ the bank on Elm Street this morning.
8. Kim _____ John by demanding \$1000 so that she wouldn't reveal his secret.

G **attack** **knock** **hit** **beat**
 blow **strike**

1. It's dangerous to _____ people on the head.
2. The child was _____ by a vicious dog and had to be taken to hospital.
3. She never - _____ on the door before entering.
4. Some football hooligans started to _____ each other after the match, so the police had to intervene.
5. He received a severe _____ on the head, which left him unconscious.
6. The church clock in the village square began to _____ ten.

H **robber** **thief** **burglar** **kidnapper** **convict**
 criminal **pickpocket** **victim** **hostage**

1. The _____ demanded one million dollars as ransom for the release of their _____.
2. A _____ snatched the old lady's handbag from her arm.
3. The _____ responsible for breaking into the flat next door have been caught.
4. The bank _____ escaped through the fire exit.
5. Most of the gang's _____ were old people living on their own.
6. The escaped _____ was caught within 24 hours.
7. When you travel, always be wary of _____ , who can steal your wallet without you realising it.
8. Jack the Stabber is one of the country's most wanted _____ . It is said that he has murdered ten people.

I forget leave ignore
neglect omit

1. I _____ to turn off the TV last night, so it was left on all night long.
2. It's cruel to _____ pets as they rely on their owners.
3. Why is Jill _____ Bill? Aren't they talking to each other anymore?
4. I don't want people to know I was involved in this project so _____ my name from the credits.
5. I've _____ the concert tickets upstairs. Could you get them?

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