

Joining/becoming part of something bigger

The sentences below all contain a word or expression in *italics* which is related to the idea of two or more things joining together, sometimes with the result that they become part of something bigger. However, the words and expressions have all been put into the wrong sentence. Put them into their correct sentence. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

A. Move the verbs into the right sentences.

1. His salary is *merged* to the cost of living, and increases on an annual basis.
2. The International Book Association *blended* with Universal Press in 1999 to form the International Press.
3. To get a better finish, he *swallowed up* the two paints together.
4. The firm *integrated* with its main competitor in the battle to win more customers.
5. The suggestions from all the committees were *took over* into the main proposal.
6. The immigrants faced hostility when they were first *incorporated* into the community.
7. A lot of students had problems before they *amalgamated* into college life.
8. When the large international college *got together* the smaller school, a lot of people lost their jobs.
9. The students *linked* one evening and decided to protest about their situation.
10. A large international company *assimilated* our firm last month and started making immediate changes.

B. Move the nouns into the right sentences.

1. The *alloy* between England and France came close to breaking down many times during the nineteenth century.
2. The *synthesis* between England and Scotland is over 300 years old.
3. In 2003, the three regional organizations responsible for helping homeless people formed a national *blend* to help and support one another.
4. Brass is a well-known *alliance* of copper and zinc.
5. Water is a *coalition* of hydrogen and oxygen.
6. The plan is a *unification* of several earlier proposals.
7. The *merger* of Italy did not occur until the second half of the nineteenth century.
8. The company made its fortune by selling a popular *union* of coffee.
9. The proposed *federation* of the Liberal and Labour Parties in the election was cause for much ridicule.
10. As a result of the *compound* with the other company, Flax International became the largest in its field.

Reason & result

A. Join the first part of a sentence in the left-hand column with a second part from the right-hand column, using an appropriate expression showing reason or result from the central column. In some cases, more than one of the expressions from the middle is possible.

1. The police asked him his...	...ensued...	...pass his exams
2. He failed his exam...	...effects of...	...wake anyone
3. A persistent cough...	...prompted him to...	... was unable to enroll for the course
4. She started haranguing the crowd...	...on account of...	...upsetting me like that?
5. He spent the whole weekend revising...	...as a consequence...	...his lack of revision
6. They came in quietly...	...affect...	...starting a riot
7. He refused to lend anyone money...	...owing to...	... its low turnover and poor sales history
8. The bank manager refused to lend the company more money...	...on the grounds that...	...its action
9. The school was forced to close...	...so as not to...	... when the police officers on trial were acquitted
10. What were your...	...with the aim of...	...a large earthquake?
11. What are the...	...in order to...	...people rarely repay a loan
12. Stress and overwork can...	...consequences of...	...seek professional medical help
13. The army attacked without considering the...	...motives in...	... different people in different ways
14. He failed to send off his application form and...	...due to...	...poor student attendance
15. Riots and street fighting...	...reason for...	...speeding through the town

B. Now complete these sentences with an appropriate expression from the central column of the table above.

- Panic buying _____ when the stock market crashed.
- People often do things without considering the _____ their actions.
- The government raised the income tax rate _____ curb inflation.
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- When questioned, many racists cannot give a logical _____ their attitudes towards other racial groups.
- The soaring crime rate alarmed the police superintendent and _____ adopt a zero-tolerance policing policy.
- He was arrested _____ he was a danger to others and himself.
- The family was forced to economise _____ go heavily into debt.
- The fumes from motor traffic _____ people in many different ways.