Change

1 Complete these sentences with the correct form of one of the verbs in the box. Both sentences in each sentence pair should use the same verb. In some cases, the meaning of the verb may change slightly.

adjust	~~alter~~	deteriorate	exchange	fade	reduce	renovate	swell	switch	vary

1. Moving to the countryside radically *altered* our lifestyle. Some people choose to *alter* their appearance with surgery.
2. By ..... to a different provider, it can be possible to pay much less for your mobile phone bills. I chose drama as an extra-curricular activity, but ..... to photography a few weeks later.
3. It can take time to ..... to living in a different country. Prices seem low, but when you ..... them to for tax, they are considerably higher.
4. The noise built up rapidly, and then just as quickly it ..... into the distance. As the applause ....., the speaker started talk
5. The amount of tax you pay on a car ..... according to the amount of carbon dioxide it emits. People's reactions to the medicine ..... a lot, some people complaining it has no effect at all.
6. Everyone should try to ..... the amount of fat in their diet. Many companies were forced to ..... their workforce during the recession.
7. Economic crises often ..... into social unrest. The weather ..... rapidly when it started rain and the winds picked up.
8. Ankles and other joints often ..... when people travel by air. The town is home to 3,000 people, but this figure ..... to 12,000 in the same summer.
9. The tokens can be ..... for food in the student canteen. Shops will normally ..... damaged goods if y have a receipt.
10. Businesses in the city centre were offered funding so they could ..... their premises. In some cases it can be more expensive to ..... old building than knock it down and build a new or

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2 Now do the same with these.

adapt	cut	decline	disappear	expand	improve	promote	relax	replace	transform

1. Email has largely ..... the traditional letter as a means of written business communication. The plan is to ..... all the old desktop computer the library with netbooks.
2. Some companies are slow to ..... to a changing market. Courses can be ..... to suit the needs of individ students.

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3. The symptoms of illnesses like measles aren't usually serious, and ..... within a few days.

   As the sun ..... behind the clouds, the temperature quickly dropped.

4. A college course can help you to find a job or get ..... at work.

   The 'Peter Principle' is a theory which says that in a big company, everyone eventually gets ..... to a job that is beyond their ability.

5. Some people think that the government should ..... the rules regarding building on protected land.

   For the final part of the exercise, you need to repeatedly tighten, then ..... your stomach muscles.

6. The government's aim in the next five years is to ..... educational standards.

   The best way of ..... your English is to practise using it as much as possible.

7. Water freezes in the pipes, forcing them to ..... and burst.

   Britain's universities ..... at an unprecedented rate at the end of the twentieth century.

8. Supermarkets ..... prices on many basic items to attract more customers.

   I believe that governments should increase spending on the arts instead of ..... it.

9. Email and social networking websites have ..... the way people communicate.

   When it was closed down, the old fire station was ..... into an art gallery.

10. House prices are so high that the number of people buying their own home has ..... in the last five years.

    Because so many people are out of work, living standards are ..... rapidly.

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