

9. The negotiations have reached a critical ____; a decision must be made.
A. junction **B.** juncture **C.** moment **D.** point
10. She dismissed his concerns with a ____ of her hand.
A. flicker **B.** wave **C.** motion **D.** sign
11. The professor's ____ knowledge of the subject was awe-inspiring.
A. encyclopedic **B.** broad **C.** general **D.** full
12. He tends to ____ on the side of caution when making investments.
A. fall **B.** err **C.** stray **D.** lean
13. The disgraced politician is now a political ____ in his own country.
A. pariah **B.** outcast **C.** refugee **D.** exile
14. They live a quiet, ____ life in the countryside.
A. unassuming **B.** presumptuous **C.** ostentatious **D.** assuming
15. Don't mention the failure of his last project; it's a very ____ point with him.
A. sharp **B.** cutting **C.** sore **D.** biting
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