

H Complete the table.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
—	ambition	(1) _____
aspire	(2) _____	aspiring
determine	determination	(3) _____
fulfil	(4) _____	fulfilling / fulfilled
(5) _____	perseverance	persevering
persist	(6) _____	persistent
—	prestige	(7) _____
(8) _____	priority	—
prosper	prosperity	(9) _____
—	resilience	(10) _____
—	resource / (11) _____	resourceful
—	zeal / zealot	(12) _____

I Complete the sentences with words from exercise H.

- His _____ for work is matched only by his enthusiasm for his hobbies and freetime leisure pursuits.
- If you want to achieve a good work-life balance, then you must _____ your tasks in order of importance.
- As an _____ lawyer, you're expected to put in long hours if you ever want to make a success of your career.
- The most important quality for an explorer and hiker is _____ – you need to be able to use what you can find to hand in order to survive.
- Victor isn't very _____ and will be content with an undemanding job in his local town.
- I understand that you haven't reached the level you want with your music, but I'm sure if you _____, you'll manage it eventually.
- Mr Rhodes is a _____ businessman who has bought himself three homes and owns several luxury cars.
- Teachers are holding special workshops to teach their students _____ – the ability to continue despite setbacks and disappointment.
- This applicant is certainly very _____ – I've told him three times that we can't give him a job, but he keeps calling me!
- We were all amazed by Jason's _____ to get back on his feet after the accident; just one month after he broke both legs, he was able to walk again.
- Becoming the youngest partner in a top law firm did much to increase his personal _____.
- Helen found being a stay-at-home mother very _____; she really couldn't imagine ever going back to work.

Unit 1

Cambridge in Action

Read the text and use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

The bionic eye

According to statistics, around 40 million people around the globe are blind. Not surprisingly, medical researchers in this field have one (1) _____ and that's a definitive cure for blindness. They are working (2) _____ towards developing technology that is as effective for visual disabilities as that available for the hearing-impaired. And their (3) _____ may finally have paid off.

The 'bionic eye' is maybe the greatest (4) _____ that scientists could make in this field. Although curing all forms of blindness may be too (5) _____ a goal, the bionic eye may be the solution to at least certain forms of blindness. It differs from a 'prosthetic eye' in that the latter replaces the physical structure and appearance of the eye whilst the former works inside the eye structure or in the brain.

One of the first people to benefit from the (6) _____ new technology spoke of her joy at finally being able to tell the time after more than six years. 'The doctors' (7) _____ is just incredible,' she said.

With further work and steadfast (8) _____, scientists hope that they will be able to restore many more people's sight.

OBJECT

ZEAL

PERSEVERE

BREAK

AMBITION

REMARK

ACCOMPLISH

DETERMINE

Michigan in Action

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

- 1 Jasper's work experience will allow him to hit ____ when he starts his new job next week.
a a failure
b rock bottom
c the ground running
d from bad to worse
- 2 Unfortunately, we only have one position and it must go to the ____ candidate.
a wildest
b highest
c strongest
d greatest
- 3 We had to work around the ____ to produce enough goods to fill the big order we had last week.
a clock
b priority
c day
d overnight
- 4 Despite his poor performance in last month's athletics trials, Jack is still ____ for a medal in next week's race.
a in the running
b meeting the deadline
c on his plate
d by a mile
- 5 Although not everyone is a fan of Justin Bieber, most people agree he is worthy of his ____ success.
a influential
b aspiring
c phenomenal
d resourceful
- 6 Jenny ____ her audition and was immediately offered the part!
a went up against
b scraped through
c took off
d waltzed through
- 7 You've got one last chance to take this exam and pass, so you'd better ____ and do some work.
a take off
b scrape through
c knuckle down
d excel at
- 8 Unfortunately, Jamie's plans to tour around Australia didn't ____ due to a lack of finances.
a fall through
b pan out
c pull off
d knuckle down
- 9 Phoebe ____ all our expectations with her incredible performance in the dance contest.
a attained
b approved
c reached
d surpassed
- 10 The money laundering scandal lead to the minister's ____ fall from political power.
a prodigious
b precipitous
c dismal
d persistent
- 11 A major political party is ____ the campaign for tighter gun controls in the wake of last month's shooting.
a procuring
b setting
c spearheading
d fulfilling
- 12 Unfortunately, Tina's attempts to get a part in a West End show have been a dismal ____.
a downfall
b contribution
c disaster
d failure
- 13 Robbie is no ____ student; he gets straight As in all subjects and is captain of the football team.
a well-known
b up-and-coming
c self-made
d run-of-the-mill
- 14 My father was proud of being ____ man – he started out with nothing and now he's a successful businessman.
a an aspiring
b a self-made
c a zealous
d a burgeoning
- 15 In its ____, the city of Bath was a magnet for wealthy and fashionable people from all over the country.
a dream
b foothold
c prestige
d heyday
- 16 Zoe's plans to study at university ____ when she didn't get the required grades in her school leaving exams.
a fell through
b wrote off
c got back
d put in
- 17 Sally attends the ____ Royal Ballet School in Richmond.
a precipitous
b resilient
c prestigious
d persevering
- 18 I hope I'll be able to ____ today's performance on the opening night.
a aspire
b emulate
c advocate
d persevere
- 19 William ____ to becoming a powerful politician and has already started to make his way in the world of politics.
a persists
b determines
c aspires
d perseveres
- 20 Pablo is just twelve years old, but thanks to his parents' encouragement, he is already a ____ chess player.
a prodigious
b peak
c useful
d resilient

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Michigan in Action

Read the article about a successful football club and choose the correct answers.

A football fairy-tale come true

The 2015–2016 Premier League football season was full of surprises, not least of which was its unlikely winner, Leicester City, a club which had hit (1) ____ in 2014 finishing in fourteenth place, found itself (2) ____ of the league one year later and went on to win the title. It was an unbelievable (3) ____ which its supporters could never in their (4) ____ dreams have imagined.

At the beginning of the season, bookmakers' odds of 5,000 to 1 on Leicester City go to show how far out of the (5) ____ they were expected to be. Commentators, fans and sports experts had all but written the team (6) _____. But under the leadership of their new manager, Claudio Ranieri, the team went from (7) ____ during the season and finally lifted the cup for the first time in their club's history.

This huge (8) ____ proves that with courage, hard work and a little bit of luck, even the lowliest team can come out on top.

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| 1 a top marks | b the ground | c the roof | d rock bottom |
| 2 a top | b summit | c peak | d head |
| 3 a turnover | b turn-off | c turn-up | d turnaround |
| 4 a maddest | b strongest | c wildest | d most intense |
| 5 a training | b running | c driving | d racing |
| 6 a off | b out | c over | d through |
| 7 a A to B | b bad to worse | c cover to cover | d strength to strength |
| 8 a credit | b fulfilment | c accomplishment | d prestige |

