

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. The government has _____ smoking in public places. (**PREVENTED / BANNED / AVOIDED / STOPPED**).
2. The police _____ the man because he was behaving suspiciously. (**ARRESTED / SENTENCED / CHARGED / CONVICTED**).
3. My mother _____ me for breaking the window. (**ACCUSED / COMPLAINED / CHARGED / BLAMED**)
4. You have to find a good _____ for being late, otherwise they won't believe you. (**CAUSE / RESULT / EXCUSE / AIM**)
5. The _____ of the meeting is to improve relationships between the two companies. (**PURPOSE / SENSE / REASON / CAUSE**)
6. The child was _____ by a dangerous dog and taken to the hospital. (**KNOCKED / ATTACKED / BLOWN / BEAT**).
7. Tourists from all over the world come to London to hear Big Ben _____ midnight. (**BLOW / BEAT / HIT / STRIKE**)
8. The bank robbers were able to _____ through the back door. (**ESCAPE / CHASE / LEAK / CATCH**)
9. The teacher is constantly _____ me although I always put my hand up. (**IGNORING / REGARDING / ATTENDING / NOTICING**)
10. My girlfriend wants to _____ a career in engineering (**PRACTICE / PURSUE / TAKE / CHASE**)
11. I have never _____ during a test, but other students have tried it. (**CHEATED / BETRAYED / TRICKED / FAKED**)
12. When I get home from my holiday, I want to _____ about the bad hotel service. (**OBJECT / PRAISE / STRIKE / COMPLAIN**)
13. She tried to _____ him from doing something really dangerous, but he didn't listen. (**AVOID / CHECK / BLOCK / PREVENT**)
14. The murderer was _____ to five years in prison. (**CHARGED / JUDGED / SENTENCED / PUNISHED**)
15. The press conference was a _____ because the reporters didn't learn anything new. (**DISSATISFACTION / REGRET / DISCONTENT / DISAPPOINTMENT**)

B2	Synonyms
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Match the words in the left column with their synonyms.

A	select
B	raise
C	accurate
D	able
E	considerate
F	divide
G	apparent
H	exceptional
I	busy
J	brave
K	clarify
L	aid
M	diminish
N	convenient
O	beneficial
P	approve
Q	conscious
R	brief
S	authentic
T	average

	correct, right
	aware
	occupied, active
	thoughtful, caring
	real, genuine
	lift
	courageous, bold
	help, assist
	normal, ordinary
	handy, useful
	lessen, decrease
	choose
	explain, simplify
	accept, endorse
	short
	remarkable, outstanding
	capable, qualified
	separate, split
	helpful, useful
	obvious