- Some adjectives and nouns which derive from verb roots do not follow the rules presented above:
  appear → apparent → appearance
  insure → insured → insurance
  interfere → interfering → interference
  obey → obedient → obedience
  perform → performing → performance
  please → pleasant → pleasure
  signify → significant → significance

Verb Root	Noun (person) =verb + -ant
assist	assistant

- Nouns in **-ant** referring to people signify a person that does what the verb describes.
- Some other common verbs that form nouns in the same way are: *account, attend, consult, contest, defend, depend, inhabit* and *serve*.
- When the verb root ends in **-ate** or **-y**, the **-ate/-y** are replaced by **-ant**.
  immigrate → immigrant *occupy → occupant*
- Be careful with the noun (person) deriving from the verb **apply**.
  apply → applicant

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1 I have to buy a _____ book as I'm _____ at cooking. **COOK, HOPE**
2 There has been a _____ change in his behaviour lately. **NOTICE**
3 My friend was in for a(n) _____ surprise when he saw that his house had been _____. **PLEASE**
4 The food at the restaurant was _____, but the service was awful. **BURGLE**
5 I can't stand this _____ heat! I have to buy an air-conditioner. **TOLERATE**
6 This disease is still _____, so it is _____ to be extra careful. **BEAR**
7 Many students lack in _____ when it comes to _____ English. **CURE, ADVISE**
8 He is _____ clever for his age. **CONFIDE, SPEAK**
9 Some students are totally _____ and their behaviour in general is _____ **REMARK**
10 Kelly's house was not _____ against fire, so the _____ company will not pay for the damage. **OBEY**
11 He was charged with _____ and was imprisoned for six years. **ACCEPT**
12 My trip to Japan was _____. I had an _____ time. **INSURE, INSURE**
13 Visa _____ must have their passports with them. **FORGE**
14 Despite his young age, he behaved very _____. **FORGET, ENJOY**
APPLY
SENSE

Examination Practice

A **Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.**

A WILD HUNT

Living in a modern society, we cannot (1) _____ the acts of crime that take place every day. Criminal activity ranges from stealing to the more serious crimes of kidnapping and murder.

Just recently, a hunt was on for two men who (2) _____ an off-licence in broad daylight. The shop owner tried

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