

Stopping something

Choose the best word or phrase in bold to complete each sentence, using the definitions in *italics* after each sentence to help you.

1. To stop your hard disk becoming too full, you should **delete** / **dissuade** / **sever** any unwanted programmes. (to *cut out part of a document, a computer file, etc.*)
2. The new government plans to **back out of** / **repeal** / **suppress** the existing legislation. (to *officially end a law so that it is no longer valid*)
3. Increasing fuel prices does not usually **deter** / **quash** / **rescind** people from using their cars. (to *discourage people from doing something*)
4. The college tries to **cancel** / **dissuade** / **give up** students from taking exams which are not suitable for them. (to *persuade someone not to do something*)
5. The committee decided to **deny** / **remove** / **rescind** its earlier resolution on the use of its premises. (to *cancel a contract or agreement*)
6. State monopolies often **back out of** / **suppress** / **suspend** all forms of economic competition. (to *stop an activity, usually by making laws or using your authority*)
7. The Cornucopian government made the sudden decision to **dissuade** / **rescind** / **sever** diplomatic relations with their neighbouring countries. (to *end something such as a friendship or a connection completely and permanently*)
8. You should never **deny** / **put an end to** / **turn down** a good job when it's offered to you. (to *refuse something which is offered*)
9. We decided to **pull out of** / **remove** / **rescind** the competition when three of our team members became ill. (to *decide not to support or be part of a project or activity after you have agreed to*)
10. Oil and petroleum companies **deny** / **scrap** / **repeal** that they are harming the environment. (to *state that something someone has said is not true or correct*)
11. Travel companies do not normally give refunds if their customers **cancel** / **put an end to** / **sever** their holiday at the last moment. (to *stop something which has been planned*)
12. It's important to **deter** / **remove** / **quash** rumours before too many people hear them. (to *stop something from continuing, especially things people say or believe: rumours, doubts, speculation, etc.*)
13. You should **delete** / **give up** / **suppress** fast food and other foods that have a high fat content if you want to lose weight. (to *stop doing something that you have done for quite a long time*)
14. They finally agreed to **dissuade** / **put an end to** / **quash** their long-standing dispute and try to work together instead. (to *stop something which has been going on for a long time*)
15. I would be grateful if you would **deter** / **remove** / **repeal** my name from your mailing list. (to *take something away*)
16. The factory management had to **deny** / **suspend** / **turn down** operations because of some serious health and safety issues. (to *officially stop something for a short time*)
17. We were forced to **give up** / **rescind** / **scrap** the plans when we realised they would not work. (to *decide not to continue with something such as a plan or event, often because there is a problem with some aspect of it*)
18. I believe that the best way to **delete** / **curb** / **repeal** inflation is to increase interest rates on borrowing. (to *control or limit something that is harmful*)