

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 / FADED**)
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**)