

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**)