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Information and the mind Prefixes Verb-noun collocations

Phrases with *mind*

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

blinker detect devote pseudo-facts self-composure self-imposed

- 1 Do you think the media _____ too much attention to gossip and scandal?
- 2 It's easier to _____ bias in a published text than in your own thinking.
- 3 Sometimes you have to _____ yourself in order to be able to focus on the task at hand.
- 4 He follows a _____ regime of work, study and physical exercise.
- 5 You need a lot of _____ to deal with aggressive people.

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2 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given.

- 1 I'm in two m_____s – should I go straight to university or should I take a year off to work and travel?
- 2 He kept asking me personal questions until I finally told him to mind his own b_____s.
- 3 My eyes are sore and I get headaches; all those hours in front of a computer are taking their t_____. I.
- 4 I can't do several things at the same time: m_____g is definitely not my strong point.
- 5 Let's not o_____e the problem: it's not as serious as it seems.

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3 Choose the best option.

1 I think you can do it if you ____ your mind to it.
A give B put C concentrate

2 You want to put these photos on the Internet? You must be ____ your mind!
A off B away from C out of

3 My family problems ____ on my mind a good deal.
A weigh B lie C sit

4 Why do people choose to ____ their thoughts with pointless news about the private lives of celebrities?
A clutter B crowd C pack

5 Has it ever ____ your mind that that your opinions might be wrong?
A passed B crossed C noticed

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4 Complete the sentences with the words formed from the words in CAPITALS using prefixes.

1 When she tried to get at the truth, the journalist encountered a web of secrecy and _____ (INFORMATION).

2 It is a place where the modern and the traditional _____ (EXIST) in harmony.

3 When playing games, never _____ (ESTIMATE) your opponent. Assume he or she is strong and do your best.

4 On some days the information _____ (LOAD) is so bad it makes my head ache.

5 The people weren't unfriendly, but I think they treated us with _____ (TRUST): we were strangers and they didn't know what to expect of us.

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