

**Directions:** Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. Because many of the key players are injured, the coach is \_\_\_\_\_ his options for the next game.
2. Hospitals plan to stop services that are not financially \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Rising costs are threatening the \_\_\_\_\_ of many businesses.
4. A battle \_\_\_\_\_ in Congress over the proposed budget cuts.
5. The United States faces a \_\_\_\_\_ crisis over its crumbling roads, and fixing them will be a daunting and costly task.
6. Being in debt has been a source of \_\_\_\_\_ on our marriage.
7. My grandmother, as usual, \_\_\_\_\_ the decline in moral standards in today's society.
8. He was the loser in the \_\_\_\_\_ struggle to own the company.

9. My father was a \_\_\_\_\_ energetic and ambitious man.
10. On the floor, \_\_\_\_\_ piles of books, were two small envelopes.
11. He doesn't have many friends due to his \_\_\_\_\_ personality keeping them away.
12. I could detect the celebrity's strong \_\_\_\_\_ when she explained how she will always be the best actress.
13. Some people have a belief that all human beings behave \_\_\_\_\_.
14. You need to be an \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed in politics.
15. It is well known that boys who grow up without a father have an \_\_\_\_\_ risk of going to prison.
16. The father \_\_\_\_\_ his children in church for talking too much.
17. We are going to buy \_\_\_\_\_ for our newborn.