

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. This mechanism _____ the engine from exploding (**AVOIDS / PREVENTS / FORBIDS / ESCAPES**).
2. She is a very _____ young lady. Be careful about what you say. (**SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE / THINKING / LOGICAL**)
3. The heavy rain of the last few days _____ in widespread flooding. (**OCCURRED / LEAD / CAUSED / RESULTED**)
4. It was your decision that _____ to the situation we are in now. (**LED / CAUSED / RESULTED / DIRECTED**)
5. Many producers of the item have _____ their prices. (**INCREASED / RISEN / EXTENDED / ADDED**)
6. The weather got so bad that the rescue team had to _____ the search for the missing people. (**DESERT / LEAVE / DUMP / ABANDON**)
7. He always looks at the problem from a different _____ than all the others. (**CORNER / EDGE / ANGLE / VIEW**)
8. There hasn't been a _____ earthquake in this area for hundreds of years. (**PRINCIPAL / KEY / CHIEF / MAJOR**)
9. She worked as a war _____ in the Middle East for many years. (**EDITOR / COMMUNICATOR / CORRESPONDENT / AUTHOR**)
10. The weather forecast tells us that rain is _____ tomorrow. (**UNPROBABLY / UNUSUALLY / UNLIKELY / UNCERTAINLY**)
11. The telescope was _____ hundreds of years ago. (**INVENTED / DISCOVERED / RECOVERED / EXPLORED**)
12. Our _____ of natural resources has become a major problem for the environment. (**CONSUMPTION / DIGESTION / SPENDING / WEAKENING**)
13. The zoologist spent a few weeks _____ the behaviour of the new-born animals. (**OBSERVING / SEEING / LOOKING / NOTICING**)
14. I paid a lot of money to get a room with a _____ of the sea. (**SCENE / VIEW / VISION / LOOK**)
15. The _____ of the island have voted to become independent. (**OCCUPANTS / PUBLIC / INHABITANTS / TENANTS**)