

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. Mrs Butler was in deep _____ after her husband's sudden death. (**REGRET / GRIEF / DISTURBANCE / GLOOM**)
2. There's no need to rush. Take your _____ before you give me your answer. (**THOUGHTS / MINUTE / MOMENT / TIME**)
3. Mike had to stay in hospital for several weeks where he was _____ for a heart weakness. (**CURED / ATTENDED / HEALED / TREATED**)
4. Jack was _____ with anger when he realised that he hadn't made it to the Olympic team. (**STORED / SAVED / FILLED / LOADED**)
5. The media put the _____ on the police, who weren't at the scene fast enough. (**BLAME / FAULT / MISTAKE / GUILT**)
6. If I had known she was seriously _____, I would have gone to visit her. (**DISEASE / UNHEALTHY / UNWELL / ILL**)
7. I don't believe a _____ of what you say. (**SENTENCE / PHRASE / WORD / PART**)
8. The relations between the two countries have become _____ because of the riots near the border. (**SUSPENSEFUL / RECKLESS / WORRIED / TENSE**)
9. Be careful when you speak to him. The young boy is very sensitive by _____. (**NATURE / REACTION / CHARACTER / SPIRIT**)
10. After hours of discussion the committee had finally _____ a conclusion. (**COMMITTED / SOLVED / DECIDED / REACHED**)
11. The Labour party has raised several _____ to the tax proposals of the Conservatives. (**PROBLEMS / DIFFICULTIES / OBJECTIONS / COMMITMENTS**)
12. There were pieces of plastic _____ all over the floor. (**SETTLED / SCATTERED / DOTTED / COLLECTED**)
13. Despite organising several events we failed to _____ enough money for the renovation of the church. (**RISE / RAISE / INCREASE / ADVANCE**)
14. My brother is such a _____. He's even afraid to stay at home alone. (**DESERTER / COWARD / FEARFUL / BOASTER**)
15. Don't bet on Frank's team. They don't _____ a chance of winning the match. (**RISE / PLAY / STAND / TAKE**)