

## Word formation

Complete the sentences with the correct word formed from the one in capitals.

1. The teacher used a real-life example to \_\_\_\_\_ the grammatical rule.  
(EXAMPLE)
2. Her guidance during the project was \_\_\_\_\_, and we could not have completed it without her.  
(VALUE)
3. Many people say that \_\_\_\_\_ changes your priorities and outlook on life.  
(PARENT)
4. The lawyer argued that his client should not be punished for his political \_\_\_\_\_.  
(CONVINCE)
5. The vandalism of the historic monument was completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
(SENSE)
6. The village was so \_\_\_\_\_ that tourists stopped constantly to take photos.  
(PICTURE)
7. The tests showed a serious iron \_\_\_\_\_, which explained her constant fatigue.  
(DEFICIENT)
8. To access the club's facilities, you must first apply for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(MEMBER)
9. It was incredibly \_\_\_\_\_ of me to forget her birthday after everything she'd done for me.  
(THOUGHT)
10. After years of economic struggle, the country is finally enjoying a period of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(PROSPER)
11. The doctor said the patient's heart rate was \_\_\_\_\_, so further tests were required.  
(NORMAL)

12. Bringing an umbrella is \_\_\_\_\_ if the weather forecast is correct.  
(AVOID)
13. His look of \_\_\_\_\_ made it clear that he did not approve of their behavior.  
(APPROVE)
14. The ocean's \_\_\_\_\_ can be frightening to those not used to open water.  
(DEEP)
15. Many families cannot afford expensive houses, so the government aims to provide \_\_\_\_\_ housing.  
(AFFORD)
16. Regulations are in place to \_\_\_\_\_ the safety of all passengers.  
(SURE)
17. With enough determination, you can \_\_\_\_\_ any obstacle.  
(COME)
18. Regular exercise is highly \_\_\_\_\_ for your physical and mental health.  
(BENEFIT)

### Open cloze

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap.

When the company announced that several employees would be **(1) laid** \_\_\_\_, most of us were **(2) taken** \_\_\_\_ **surprise**. There had been **(3) no** \_\_\_\_ **of** any financial trouble, so the decision seemed sudden. The director insisted that there was **(4) no option** \_\_\_\_ **to** reduce staff, since costs had risen sharply.

Many workers expressed a negative **(5) attitude** \_\_\_\_\_ the company's actions, saying loyalty should matter **(6) much more than the** profit. One employee, Martin, said he was **(7) not used** \_\_\_\_ **being** unemployed, having worked at the firm for almost twenty years.

He told me **(8) \_\_\_\_ the record** that some managers knew about the cuts weeks earlier. Meanwhile, the company also plans to **(9) rip** \_\_\_\_ several departments and rebuild the workspace.

Those who remain **(10) are** \_\_\_\_ **through** a stressful evaluation programme before their positions are confirmed. The pressure may **(11) prevent some people** \_\_\_\_ performing well, especially for younger staff.

Martin, however, may be luckier than he feels. He recently **(12) came** \_\_\_\_ **a fortune** after a distant relative passed away. But he says that money doesn't remove the fear **(13) \_\_\_\_ being** replaced or forgotten.

"I suppose **(14) \_\_\_\_ time** I'll **be** ready for change," he said, "**(15) \_\_\_\_ all accounts**, the industry is moving fast, **(16) Not \_\_\_\_ mention** the emotional strain."