

Circle the correct words.

1. I find George's bad moods very.....
a. dense b. imposing c. rampant d. intimidating
2. During election debates, politicians often.....one another.
a. disparage b. suppress c. confound d. reject
3. Building regulations clearly.....the number of emergency exits required.
a. incorporate b. illuminate c. stipulate d. evacuate
4. The room is stuffy and doesn't have enough.....
a. sanitation b. ventilation c. congestion d. combustion
5. Hurricanes frequently.....the islands in the Caribbean.
a. smash b. strike c. clash d. raze
6. The violence.....when people rioted in the streets.
a. sprawled b. obliterated c. escalated d. spawned
7. The builders.....the wall brick by brick.
a. dispersed b. extracted c. dismantled d. eliminated
8. Western society has been criticized for its emphasis on wealth andconsumption.
a. affluent b. material c. immense d. limitless

Complete the sentences below with the following phrases.

given the choice · less is more · not to be underestimated · have a makeover · an instant classic · at an unprecedented rate · have your work cut out for you · made extensive use of · think twice · throw your weight around

1. The Williams Tower in Houston, Texas was described as.....the day it opened.
2. You'll.....trying to persuade the bank manager to approve such a big loan.
3. Sales have increasedthis month due to the reduction in taxes.
4., I would rather spend the weekend in New York than Boston.
5. The novelist has.....dialogue in her latest work.
6. Advertisements are so persuasive that their power to influence us is.....
7. When it comes to accessories, I always subscribe to the philosophy of.....
8. I'd.....about getting a license for a motorbike if I were you.
9. I took the advice of a personal stylist and decided to.....
10. Don't.....in this office because people will just ignore you.

Circle the correct words to complete the text.

THE RUBBLE CLUB

A great deal of skill, time, work and creativity are (1) **subscribed** / **invested** in the design and (2) **construction** / **implementation** of a new building. Most architects feel great pride when their (3) **vision** / **ethos** finally becomes reality. Imagine their frustration when just a few years later, the building is (4) **demolished** / **suppressed** and all traces of it (5) **erased** / **devastated** to make way for a new one. Architects coping with disappointment from the (6) **destruction** / **collapse** of their library or office building can join the Rubble Club. Members of this online support group, which includes many (7) **prominent** / **prodigious** architects, use the site to express such emotions.

Stephen Hodder joined the club after learning his award-winning swimming pool, (8) **deemed** / **hailed** as an architectural masterpiece by many, was to be destroyed after only five years. What upset him most was the (9) **sheer** / **striking** waste of so much hard work. The (10) **pioneering** / **prevailing** viewpoint among Rubble Club members is that knocking down a fairly new building, one that is neither (11) **withered** / **derelict** nor abandoned, so that another can be erected, is not only wasteful but also environmentally damaging. Wouldn't it be better to (12) **refurbish** / **revere** an existing building rather than to knock it down and build a new one?

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THE VOLCANO POWER TOWER

While volcanoes have the capacity to (1) **wreak / yield / discharge** terrible destruction, a new 85-meter-tall artificial volcano may soon be providing more than 100.000 homes in northern England with electricity. This revolutionary power plant will rely on biofuels rather than (2) **greenhouse / fossil / polluting** fuels like coal, and will (3) **theoretically / allegedly / inherently** be an environmentally friendly project (4) **altogether / somewhat / outright**. The artificial volcano will be powered by shells of palm nuts. This vegetable (5) **matter / refuse / sewage** is a byproduct of the palm-oil industry of Malaysia, where the nuts are crushed to release the kernel or seed and the shells discarded. These palm kernel shells are considered to be a (6) **restored / renewable / rejuvenated** source of biofuel.

One benefit of using palm kernel shells, which fortunately happen to be in (7) **scarce / abundant / lavish** supply, is that no special biofuel crops will have to be (8) **cultivated / irrigated / activated** to meet the volcano's needs. In other words, it will not be necessary to allocate (9) **pristine / arable / stable** land for biofuel crops instead of for food production. The designers of the new power tower (10) **contend / assent / confide** that the plant's entire operations will (11) **curb / ease / repress** carbon dioxide (12) **emissions / fumes / gases** by up to 80% compared with running a coal-powered plant. Furthermore, any heat (13) **condensed / aroused / emitted** during the industrial process will be (14) **captured / intercepted / encircled** and used to heat houses in nearby communities. Designed to resemble a real volcano, the power plant will be covered in natural grasses, thus (15) **negating / detracting / impeding** the impact of a huge artificial structure on the natural environment.

Replace the words in bold in the sentences below with the following words.

thrive · hover · grasp · implausible · dissipated · underlying
· convened · manifestation · debris · consternation

- The excuse John made for being late is **difficult to believe**
- By nightfall, the black smoke from the fire still hadn't **disappeared**
- After the earthquake, rescue workers searched through the **ruins** for survivors
- Certain plants can **flourish** in desert conditions
- The **appearance** of an unusual rash in several patients alerted doctors to the outbreak of the virus
- The psychologist tried to gain insight into the **basic** cause of the patient's trauma
- Unable to **understand** the economic theory, the student asked for further explanation
- Environmental experts have **met as a group** to discuss the problem of acid rain
- Humming birds **float in the air without moving** above the flowers they feed from
- Ann decided not to go to Harvard, much to the **surprise and disappointment** of her parents

Complete the sentences below with the following words.

touted · potent · voiced · formulating · explanation · industrial ·
dismissed · utmost · burgeoning · contentious

- Putting an end to bullying is a matter of the.....urgency.
-a theory to account for the unusual rock formations will be a challenge.
- Student protests can be a.....force for change in society.
- The idea that aliens regularly visit Earth has been.....as ridiculous by most experts.
- How such an untalented actor won an Oscar defies.....
- A.....population can drain existing water and food supplies.
- Misgivings have been.....regarding the practicality of enforcing the new regulations.
- The flying car is being.....as the answer to congestion on the roads.
- Nuclear power is still a very.....issue.
- Fish farming on an.....scale accounts for one-third of the world's supply of fish.

1. Edifice		Κληρονομιά	
2. Avant-garde		Διαστάσεις	
3. Pioneering		Διαπερνάω, διαποτίζω	
4. Exacerbate		Δημιουργώ	
5. Disperse		Αναθέτω έργο, παραγ	
6. Austere		Ανεγείρω	
7. Prevailing		Κατεδαφίζω	
8. Corporation		Σέβομαι	

9. Affluent		Αποστειρώνω	
10. Dismantle		Καταπάτηση	
11. Violation		Εκτρέπω	
12. Ambiguous		Ανανεώνω	
13. Ingenious		Σημαντικός	
14. Prosperous		Μαραμένος	
15. Dilapidated		Περίγραμμα	
16. Facade		Αόριστος, ασαφής	S
17. Perpetual		Ακατάπαυστος	
18. Opulent		Αυστηρός, σχολαστι	
19. Stringent		Ευθυγραμμίζω	
20. Constrain		Αποκλείεται	
21. Embrace		Κειμήλιο	R
22. Go downhill		Σε κίνδυνο	
23. Resilient		Ομοιόμορφα	
24. Pristine		Σπάνιος, δυσεύρετος	
25. Arable		Συνεπής, σταθερός	
26. Astounding		Αξιόπιστος, πιστευτός	
27. Irrigate		Διαθέτω, παραχωρώ	
28. Defy		Αεριοποιώ, εξατμίζω	
29. Perplexing		Διάδρομος	
30. Intriguing		Τρόμος, ανησυχία	
31. Implication		Τυχαίος	
32. Potent		Κοντά, δίπλα	
33. Deforestation		Διάβρωση	
34. Refuse (n)		Υποκατάστατο	
35. Manifestation		Αποκάλυψη	
36. Restraint		Ισχυρίζομαι, βεβαιώνω	A
37. Declare		Κατανοώ	C
38. Curtail		Που σκέφτεται τους άλλ	
39. Saturated		Κούφιος	
40. Withstand		Καταπίνω	
41. Ascertain		Τι αγένεια!	
42. As if!		Ισημερινός	
43. Utility		Προϋπόθεση	
44. Fluctuation		Ορμή, φόρα	
45. Converge		Χωματερή	

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- The newspaper editor received several letters, **all which deal / all dealing / that all dealing** with the same topic.
- The building, **to which is generally referred / generally referred to / that referred generally to** as the Robot Tower, is situated in Bangkok.
- Could you tell me the latest date by **which / when / on that** our college applications must be submitted?
- Did you manage to obtain the information **that were interested in / you were interested in / were you interested in?**
- The gorilla's natural habitat is being destroyed, **where / that / which** makes its survival difficult.
- The river, **lined / that is lined / what is lined** with elm trees, is a very pleasant place to go rowing.
- You'll never guess which hotel we stayed in while we were on vacation - **the only one that / that only one which / one only which** didn't have a pool!
- Having searched thoroughly / Having been thoroughly searched / Thoroughly have been searching** the woman's house was in a terrible mess.

9. Even though I was advised against hiring Robert, I'll choose **whichever / whoever / whatever** candidate I think best.
10. My letter of resignation **to be written / being written / having been written**, I looked around the office for an envelope.
11. Isn't Jeff one of those people **whose / for whom / that for him** public speaking is easy?
12. **Not having been designed to withstand / Not being designed for withstanding / Designed not to withstand** strong winds, the garden shed was blown over in the storm.

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1. Feeling **threatening / threatened**, the dog retreated into its kennel.
2. It's **fairly / utterly** easy to conduct simple science experiments at home.
3. The first candidate wasn't very well prepared **but** the second was **even worse / much worst**.
4. The wind had turned **bitter / bitterly** cold so we decided to go home.
5. The traffic today is not nearly **heavier than / as heavy as** it was yesterday.
6. We watched the kites flying **high / highly** in the sky.
7. She would have purchased the earrings had they been more **reasonable / reasonably** priced.
8. With the budget cuts, a new bus station looks **less / as** likely than ever.
9. Professor White has published a number of **lengthy scientific / scientific lengthy** papers.

Complete the sentences below with the following words.

the more · every bit · far more · not so much · by far · more often

1. We believe this advertising campaign will prove.....as successful as the previous one.
2. George is.....the fastest swimmer competing in this event.
3. The better presented your resume,job offers you are likely to get.
4. The student is.....lazy as lacking in motivation.
5. Jenny claims to enjoy working out but.....than not, she finds an excuse not to go to the gym.
6. Reducing the high crime rate was.....difficult than the police had anticipated.

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1. "I finally got my paycheck!" "Well, than never!"
 - a. best later
 - b. better late
 - c. as good as late
 - d. much better later
2. The designer's latest collection lacked originalityto her earlier designs.
 - a. comparing
 - b. as compared
 - c. comparison
 - d. with comparison
3. Students should make.....every opportunity they get.
 - a. more from
 - b. much more than
 - c. the most of
 - d. mostly from
4. "Is age a factor in heart disease?" "Yes. Heart disease occurs in older people more than four times.....younger people."
 - a. more in
 - b. as many as
 - c. than that of
 - d. as often as in
5. This math exam is.....for the level of my class.
 - a. really difficult too much
 - b. really much too difficult
 - c. much too really difficult
 - d. too much really difficult
6. The athlete finished the race in.....three minutes.
 - a. a surprise of
 - b. surprisingly
 - c. a surprising
 - d. a surprised
7. Ann worked.....she could to complete her assignment on time.
 - a. faster so
 - b. faster than
 - c. fastest
 - d. as fast as
8. Dolphins and whales are two.....species of mammals.
 - a. relating closely
 - b. close related
 - c. close relating
 - d. closely related
9. "Plans to lengthen the school day have been shelved." "It's probably just....."
 - a. as well
 - b. the best

- c. the better
- d. so good
- 10. "Did you enjoy the play?" "Yes, though it was.....I'd expected."

Choose the correct answer

1. Suppose Tom had told you about his illness earlier, would.....him?
 - a. you have helped c. you helping
 - b. you be helped d. you had helped
2. If Sarah were as honest as you think, she.....to you about such an important matter
 - a. won't lie c. doesn't lie
 - b. won't be lying d. wouldn't have lied
3. Had she used more salt, I the fries
 - a. ought to eat c. hadn't eaten
 - b. may be eating d. wouldn't have eaten
4. Elroy, we eventually managed to find the solution
 - a. Thanks to c. Had it not been for
 - b. But for d. Without the help of
5. If dad on a business trip tomorrow, he wouldn't be us so late
 - a. leaves c. had left
 - b. were leaving d. would be leaving
6. He.....able to join us were we to have called him earlier
 - a. will die c. might be
 - b. had been d. might have been
7. I'll do my best provided heme more
 - a. encouraged c. encourages
 - b. will encourage d. would encourage
8. He wouldn't have had such a bad accident if hemore carefully
 - a. had been driving c. would drive

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1. The chairman proposed.....with last year's sales figures
 - a. that we had started b. for us to start
 - c. we starting d. that we start
2. It is urgent.....to Mr Black. Is he in his office?
 - a. to speak b. that speak
 - c. that I speak d. my speaking
3. Anna asked her brother..... her favorite CD
 - a. were he had put b. where had he put
 - c. if he had put d. if had he put
4. She suggested..... the shorter road that led to the store
 - a. us to take b. to take
 - c. that we take d. that we will take
5. It is necessary dressed in an airtight suit during the experiment

- a. different from what
- b. so different from
- c. different as that
- d. different as what

- b. drives d. would have driven
9. He'd rather.....a good book than watch stupid soap operas
 - a. have read c. to read
 - b. had read d. read
10. Tom, I would have committed suicide
 - a. Had id not been for c. Had it not been
 - b. Hadn't it been d. If it hadn't been
11. She's behaving as though she an expert on this subject
 - a. had been c. were
 - b. will be d. might be
12. It's about time you..... up
 - a. to show c. show
 - b. showed d. would show
13. You'd better.....looking for a decent job
 - a. to start c. you started
 - b. started d. start
14. He'd sooner die to kiss her on the mouth
 - a. rather than have c. than have
 - b. but for having d. from having
15. Only if she agrees to behave herself, her with me
 - a. I will take c. shall I take
 - b. Will I take d. I shall take
16. This tempered glass withstands high pressure provided.....fractured
 - a. it is c. it will not be
 - b. it is not d. it will be

- a. that she be b. that she is
- c. that she will be d. that she should
6. The woman insisted his jacket before going out
 - a. on her son wear b. her son wearing
 - c. her son to wear d. her wear
7. It is very important the contract before signing it
 - a. that he read b. that he reads
 - c. him reading d. him to read
8. I suggest.....out for the evening and everyone agreed
 - a. to go b. going
 - c. us going d. us to go