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Complete the paragraph with words and phrases from the box in the correct form. There may be more than one correct answer.

at risk dare exposed failure freedom high-risk play it safe risk your life risky run the risk security take a chance

Walt Disney once said, "I dream, I test my dreams against my beliefs, I [] to take risks, and I execute my vision to make those dreams come true." He recognized that there was no advantage in []. By risking [], he made success possible. He [] on unlikely heroes, such as Mickey Mouse, and it paid off. Each of us has to decide whether to [] of failing or to seek [], even if it means accepting less. For those in business, it can sometimes feel as if you're [], so it's important to remember that it's not exactly a game of life and death—although it's true that your career and livelihood are often []. When you are [] to risk, it can in fact give you a great sense of [], since it can feel like you've got nothing more to lose. It may be this, which means many entrepreneurs engage in [] behavior away from work, such as hot-air ballooning or motor sports. Perhaps these [] activities give them the same excitement they get from their working lives.

Choose the correct options to complete the newspaper story. Some answers depend on grammatical form and others on meaning.

Investigators have been [] to determine the cause of the crash of an Inter-City commuter plane last Thursday. The small plane, en route from Boston to New York, did not [] to reach the runway, and it crashed into some nearby trees. All 20 people aboard the aircraft were killed. Firefighters [] controlling the resulting fires, and no homes were damaged. Fortunately, all of the homeowners [] get out of their houses with no injuries. Lead investigator Carol Owens said that she wouldn't be able [] a full statement until more facts were known. She did say that the crash [] not have been caused by weather because Thursday was clear and calm. She said that it [] have been caused by a mechanical failure, but that more information is needed. However, airline officials have stated that they feel strongly that the crash [] have been caused by mechanical failure. "Our mechanics are extremely good at [] our planes in top condition. We [] say with great confidence that this tragedy was not the result of poor maintenance," said IC spokesman Jim Carr. "It [] have been pilot error, but there's no clear evidence of that, or possibly a pilot medical emergency. Whatever the cause was, it [] have been easy to control the plane and the pilot did well to avoid loss of life on the ground."