

**Complete the sentences.**

**a quick glance, to make mistakes, to stick to the rules, a substantial meal, narrow-minded,  
a quick meal, strictly forbidden, to keep to the rules, to make an effort, pitch dark,  
to pass the buck, bitterly cold, breed crime**

1. She took \_\_\_\_\_ at the clock and realized she was running late for the meeting.
2. After the long flight, I just wanted \_\_\_\_\_ before heading to my hotel.
3. It's important \_\_\_\_\_ during the exam to avoid any penalties.
4. Despite the pressure from his teammates, he chose \_\_\_\_\_ and play fairly.
5. If you really want to improve your skills, you need \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
6. Don't be afraid \_\_\_\_\_ while learning a new language; it's all part of the process.
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ views on the issue made it difficult for him to engage in meaningful discussions.
8. Whenever something goes wrong in the office, he tends \_\_\_\_\_ rather than take responsibility.
9. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to park in this area without a permit.
10. The wind was \_\_\_\_\_ as we walked through the snow, making it hard to keep our hands warm.
11. The power went out, and it was so \_\_\_\_\_ we could barely see our own hands in front of us.
12. Some argue that high levels of poverty and unemployment can \_\_\_\_\_ in certain areas of the city.
13. After the long hike, we were all ready for \_\_\_\_\_ to replenish our energy.

**Complete the dialogue.**

**Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb in Present Simple.**

A: Hi Sarah! How are you?

B: I'm fine, thanks! I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on a new project at work.

A: Oh, that sounds interesting! Do you \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) it?

B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (really/enjoy) it. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (work) from 9 AM to 5 PM, but today I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) late to finish everything.

A: Wow, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not / usually / work) this late!

B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not) but I had to today. How about you? What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do)?

A: I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / work) today, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) at home.

**Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb.**

1. She was upset because she \_\_\_\_\_ an excuse to leave the party, but it wasn't convincing enough.
2. After the kids had finished eating, it was my job to \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen.
3. He always seems to \_\_\_\_\_ his homework, even though he tries hard.
4. I can't believe you \_\_\_\_\_ that sensitive topic during our dinner. It was really awkward!
5. When my parents were away, I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my little brother.
6. She usually likes to \_\_\_\_\_ for important meetings to make a good impression.
7. I'm sorry I was late, I \_\_\_\_\_ a story about missing the bus.
8. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ right now, but we really need to talk about the budget cuts.
9. I accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ (the presentation because I didn't check my notes properly).
10. You should always \_\_\_\_\_ after your dog in the park.