

### **Fill in the blanks with the correct collocation or word from the box**

*To stroke a pet • crack • crank • surrender • demise • peacemaker • stoicism • word of mouth / buzz marketing • to cultivate • merry-go-round • orthosis • shattered • eliminate • illuminate • annihilate*

1. After the accident, his leg was put in an \_\_\_\_\_ to help it heal properly.
2. She tried \_\_\_\_\_ calmness even though she was deeply upset inside.
3. The kind old woman always acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ in family arguments.
4. The glass \_\_\_\_\_ when it hit the floor.
5. When you feel stressed, it can help \_\_\_\_\_ or listen to soft music.
6. The company relied mostly on \_\_\_\_\_ to promote its new product instead of paying for ads.
7. The scientist used lasers to \_\_\_\_\_ the structure of the crystal.
8. Many businesses failed after the sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of the market.
9. The dog wagged its tail happily when the child began \_\_\_\_\_.
10. He showed remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ during the crisis, never losing control of his emotions.
11. The soldiers had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ when they were surrounded.
12. The explosion completely \_\_\_\_\_ the building — nothing was left.
13. She was emotionally \_\_\_\_\_ after hearing the tragic news.
14. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ good habits if you want to succeed in life.
15. The children laughed while riding the colorful \_\_\_\_\_ at the fair.
16. Regular exercise can help \_\_\_\_\_ the risk of heart disease.

### **Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence**

1. Before making a turn, always check your mirrors and use your \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) speed limit B) turn signal C) car horn
2. When the light turned yellow, the driver decided \_\_\_\_\_ instead of stopping.  
A) to slow down B) to speed up C) to park
3. During meditation, his eye began \_\_\_\_\_ slightly — it was uncontrollable.  
A) to shrug B) to twitch C) to blink on purpose
4. The journalist tried \_\_\_\_\_ that ghosts can be photographed.  
A) to refute B) to debunk the theory C) both A and B
5. The scientist spent years proving that astrology is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) a pseudoscience B) an invention C) a superstition
6. He raised his shoulders and \_\_\_\_\_, showing he didn't care.  
A) sighed B) shrugged C) frowned

7. Despite their efforts, all attempts to find survivors were \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) successful B) in vain C) at random
8. The fireworks created a loud \_\_\_\_\_ that echoed across the city.  
A) crash B) blast C) flash
9. After hiking all day, they ate \_\_\_\_\_, finishing all the food in minutes.  
A) slowly B) politely C) ravenously
10. She looked up at the enormous cathedral in complete \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) awe B) confusion C) delight
11. The small \_\_\_\_\_ in the library was perfect for reading in peace.  
A) corridor B) alcove C) balcony
12. The book's heroine was a strict school \_\_\_\_\_ who kept order among the students.  
A) nurse B) matron C) dean
13. His speech was passionate but completely \_\_\_\_\_ of facts.  
A) full B) loaded C) devoid
14. The young entrepreneur decided \_\_\_\_\_ and start his own company.  
A) to embark on endeavors B) to give up C) to stay put
15. The professor's paper aimed \_\_\_\_\_ the popular misconception about dreams.  
A) to spread B) to debunk C) to ignore

**Write down your own sentences with the words and collocations**

1. to conform
2. to engulf
3. to test the waters
4. to adhere
5. to such an extent
6. for such a grade
7. shelling
8. courteous
9. plaid
10. slot
11. eyelid
12. to do away with
13. clang

**Match the words/phrases with their correct definitions**

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| 1. to call it a day | 3. caste     | 5. severed |
| 2. humane           | 4. gunpowder | 6. plough  |

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| 7. visceral   | 11. to storm out | 15. to bring up to speed /<br>date |
| 8. apologize to someone /<br>to ask for forgiveness | 12. geek         | 16. to keep in the loop            |
| 9. odor   | 13. gig          | 17. sharply                        |
| 10. barrier   | 14. contractor   | 18. ether                          |

- A. A strong, often unpleasant smell
- B. To end work for the day
- C. Extremely direct or harsh in manner
- D. To leave a place angrily or suddenly
- E. The division of society into social classes
- F. Substance used in explosives and fireworks
- G. Kind, caring, or showing concern for suffering
- H. Strong, instinctive feelings rather than rational thinking
- I. To cut off completely
- J. To prepare soil for planting crops
- K. A short performance or job, often musical or fun
- L. Someone extremely interested in technical or academic subjects
- M. A person or company hired to perform work or provide services
- N. To inform someone of the latest information
- O. To make sure someone is continuously informed
- P. A thin obstruction, often at an entrance
- Q. To express regret for a mistake or offense
- R. A clear, invisible substance or space once thought to fill the heavens