

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

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

7. visceral	11. to storm out	15. to bring up to speed / date
8. apologize to someone / 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