

**Fill in the gaps with the words from the box:**

gauge   fell short of   rubs off on   dumb down   suffice   have my hands full  
a fighting chance   a pittance   irreparable   allot   in droves   bursting at the seams

1. **Mike:** I'm so sorry I broke your vase, it's \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Merrill:** Don't worry about it, accidents happen. It's just a vase.
2. **Jack:** Sarah, your positive attitude really \_\_\_\_\_ your students.  
**Kate:** Thank you, Jack. I hope they see the value in being optimistic too.
3. **David:** I can't believe I \_\_\_\_\_ the pass mark on the test.  
**Lily:** Don't worry, you can retake it. Just study harder next time.
4. **Mary:** Will one cup of rice \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner?  
**Ann:** I think we'll need to \_\_\_\_\_ at least two cups for the whole family.
5. **Tom:** How do you \_\_\_\_\_ your success as a teacher, Sarah?  
**Sarah:** I look at my students' progress and their enthusiasm for learning. That's how I know if I'm doing a good job.
6. **Sam:** The stadium was \_\_\_\_\_ during the championship game last night.  
**Rob:** I heard the crowd was cheering \_\_\_\_\_. It must have been amazing to be there.
7. **Valerie:** I can't believe they're only paying me \_\_\_\_\_ for all this hard work.  
**Molly:** I know, it's not fair. You should ask for a raise.
8. **Steve:** Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the instructions for me? I'm having a hard time understanding.  
**Holly:** Sure, I'll explain it in simpler terms for you.
9. **George:** How do you manage to teach and take care of your kids at the same time, Sarah?  
**Sarah:** It's not easy, but I \_\_\_\_\_. It's all about time management.
10. **Susan:** I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ of winning this competition.  
**Nancy:** Never say that! You have just as much of a chance as anyone else.

