

168. The government has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ small businesses across the country a lifeline in the context of the health crisis.

- A. hold                      B. give                      C. lead                      D. throw

169. Last quarter's sales \_\_\_\_\_ a nosedive, which worried both employers and employees.

- A. held                      B. made                      C. took                      D. paved

170. They claimed that \_\_\_\_\_ will roll following the company's lacklustre performance this quarter.

- A. heads                      B. necks                      C. noses                      D. lips

171. The new principal hopes that students will \_\_\_\_\_ into line with the new regulations.

- A. throw                      B. act                      C. earn                      D. fall

172. When appointed captain of the football team, he promised to bring his experience and important skills to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. pool                      B. table                      C. curtain                      D. blanket

173. I strongly believe that Peter is a suitable candidate for that position. He \_\_\_\_\_ all the boxes.

- A. pays                      B. crosses                      C. ticks                      D. lends

174. They used to be friendly to each other, but now the \_\_\_\_\_ are off! They are shouting at each other.

- A. hats                      B. shoes                      C. boots                      D. gloves

175. I was caught between a \_\_\_\_\_ and a hard place. I didn't know how to deal with this problem.

- A. rock                      B. stone                      C. box                      D. parcel

176. My grandfather's a little \_\_\_\_\_ on top; he's 65 now.

- A. slight                      B. thin                      C. small                      D. tiny

177. Her ability to think outside the \_\_\_\_\_ earned him admission to that company.

- A. package                      B. parcel                      C. vase                      D. box