Vocabulary in context

1 Choose the best answer

Choose A, B, C or D. In 1-3, choose the pair that completes both gaps in order.

1. Try to _____ costs accurately; do not _____ them to make the bid look cheaper.

A. underestimate / estimate
B. estimate / underestimate
C. estimate / estimate
D. underestimate / underestimate

2. The faulty device was _____; the diet lacked iron and was therefore _____ in it.

A. deficient / defective
B. defective / defective
C. deficient / deficient
D. defective / deficient

3. Road closures may _____ deliveries and _____ drivers to use alternative routes.

A. hinder / require
B. require / hinder
C. hinder / hinder
D. require / require

4. The company announced its _____ to expand into overseas markets next year.

A. province **B.** indication **C.** intent **D.** estimate

5. The regional governor oversees services throughout the entire _____.

A. intent **B.** province **C.** indication **D.** defect

6. A sudden fall in sales may be an _____ that customers are losing interest.

A. estimate **B.** intent **C.** indication **D.** province

7. The expedition will _____ the desert from its eastern edge to the western coast.

A. hinder **B.** adhere to **C.** require **D.** traverse

8. All laboratory staff must _____ the safety guidelines when handling chemicals.

A. adhere to **B.** hinder **C.** underestimate **D.** traverse

2 Match the phrasal verbs to their meanings

Write the correct letter beside each phrasal verb. Use each meaning once.

1. break off ___	**A.** start ringing or sounding, as an alarm does
2. brush off ___	**B.** become detached from something
3. bring off ___	**C.** dismiss employees because there is not enough work
4. cut off ___	**D.** dismiss someone or their concerns as unimportant
5. come off ___	**E.** produce and release heat, light or a smell
6. drop off ___	**F.** end a relationship or discussion abruptly
7. give off ___	**G.** delay doing something
8. go off ___	**H.** stop the supply of something
9. hold off ___	**I.** fall asleep
10. lay off ___	**J.** succeed in doing something difficult

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Expressions in sentences

3 Complete the sentences

Use the expressions in the box. Two are extra. Use each answer once.

by heart • give it a shot • by all means • hold off • adhere to • give her a hard time • by coincidence • give him a piece of my mind • by and large • catch a glimpse of

1. Through a gap in the crowd, I managed to _____ the actor before he entered the car.

2. He damaged my laptop and refused to apologise. I am going to _____ and tell him exactly how angry I am.

3. I have never tried pottery, but I would like to _____ and see whether I enjoy it.

4. She is still learning the job, so please do not _____ for making a small mistake.

5. The actor knew the entire speech _____ and did not need to look at the script.

6. "May I borrow your pen?" "_____! Help yourself."

7. We had not arranged to meet; we simply arrived at the same cafe at the same time _____.

8. There were a few minor complaints, but _____ the participants were satisfied with the course.

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