

Similar meanings 1: Nouns

Exercise 1: Look at sentences 1 – 22. These can either be completed with a word from box A or a word with a similar meaning from box B. Identify both the words that could be used. In some cases, you will need to add an -s to one or both of the words when you put them into the sentence.

A	B
acclaim administration agenda appointment benefit charisma choice code cooperation customer discipline discount drop fault liability opposition proof proximity requirement staff takeover work	acquisition advantage (personal) appeal client closeness collaboration decline defect employment evidence meeting option order patron personnel praise prerequisite receivership reduction resistance responsibility rule schedule

1. We have a very busy _____ / _____ today, so I suggest we start as soon as possible.
2. After two financially disastrous years, the company went into _____ / _____.
3. We need to maintain _____ / _____ on the factory floor at all times, otherwise there are increased risks of an accident occurring.
4. Several employees were made redundant following EZPrint's _____ / _____ of Colourcom.
5. There has been a sharp _____ / _____ in the number of people attending the staff development sessions.
6. The latest computer program has several _____ / _____ which need to be sorted out before it can be put onto the market.
7. There has been a lot of _____ / _____ to the new compulsory overtime plan.
8. Despite government reassurances, there is no _____ / _____ that standards of living have improved.
9. Repeated orders are eligible for a 10% _____ / _____ on wholesale prices.
10. The hotel is popular with business people because of its _____ / _____ to the central business district.
11. I can't see you this afternoon because I have a / an _____ / _____ with the Board of Directors.
12. A lot of our regular _____ / _____ say that they are unhappy with the speed of our service.
13. When the company begins operations, it hopes to provide _____ / _____ for 300 people.
14. There are several _____ / _____ to working from home: you save on travel costs, for one thing.
15. If you want the job, a working knowledge of German is one of the main _____ / _____.
16. Our latest range of language-learning products has received widespread _____ / _____ in the press, and is expected to help us become a market leader.
17. The company _____ / _____ state(s) that no employee can leave his or her work station without asking for permission.
18. The management accepts no _____ / _____ for any damage to vehicles in the car park.
19. There are two _____ / _____ available to us: close the company or move to another locality.
20. All _____ / _____ are requested to attend tomorrow's meeting, which will begin at 2pm.
21. Thanks to our _____ / _____ with several affiliated companies, we have increased our turnover by 37%.
22. We believe that the new manager's lack of _____ / _____ will have a negative effect on sales.