

b Complete the sentences with the noun form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The company made a loss of two million pounds last year. (lose)
- 2 The _____ was very slow, so we didn't leave a tip. (serve)
- 3 Selina gets special _____ because she's the manager's niece. (treat)
- 4 We couldn't reach an _____ with our boss about salaries. (agree)
- 5 My exam marks this term are a big _____ on last term. (improve)
- 6 They've had an _____, and they aren't talking to each other. (argue)
- 7 They had to get a _____ of their house before they could sell it. (value)
- 8 His greatest _____ was winning an Olympic gold medal. (achieve)
- 9 It's a difficult _____ to make between my best friend's wedding or my sister's birthday party. (choose)
- 10 The restaurant had to close as a result of bad _____. (manage)
- 11 There's a _____ on Saturday against the closure of the hospital. (demonstrate)
- 12 The _____ of alcohol is often prohibited at sports matches. (sell)
- 13 After careful _____, we've decided to sell the company. (consider)
- 14 My attempt to run a marathon ended in _____ when I fell and broke my leg after the first kilometre. (fail)
- 15 I had to resist the _____ to have another cake – they were delicious! (tempt)