

1 Complete the sentences. Use idioms with *hand, skin or bone* (use the text boxes provided to enter the missing words in the gaps).

- 1 The president has strongly disapproved of the recent policies adopted by the government and he _____ when interviewed by journalists working for the most popular newspapers in the country.
- 2 The survivors of the avalanche were finally found after a long rescue operation. They had not eaten anything for a long time, so no wonder they were _____.
- 3 It is a generally accepted truth that extremely hard work and personal development always _____, as the latter always requires the former
- 4 It is only natural that, when faced with a life-threatening situation, every human being attempts to _____, which is what self-preservation is all about.
- 5 The manager of the company proudly stated at the last board meeting, "The future of our firm is _____ as I am going to personally oversee all projects from now on."
- 6 The proposed scheme of constructing a car park in the abandoned lot in the city centre has been _____ for a long time. The mayor is keen to go on with the construction plan, but local residents would rather see green areas created there.
- 7 She nearly _____ when she heard loud banging on her door late at night.

2 Complete the missing phrases in the gaps (use the text boxes provided to enter your answers).

1. "If I were you, I wouldn't try to form a long-lasting relationship with her. She is notorious for _____ her boyfriends. Every time I see her going out, she is accompanied by a different partner".
2. Even if you experience a number of disappointments in your life it is never too late to change your behaviour or attitude and eventually start making progress. In other words, all you have to do is _____.
3. His sudden death has changed out lives completely. Everything has been _____.
4. Compared to the beginning of his professional career, he has _____ towards reaching the TOP TEN in the ranking of tennis players in the world.
5. Unfortunately, all our suggestions have been rejected, and therefore we are forced to start our work from scratch. We are _____.
6. Last week, both companies reached an agreement concerning their future cooperation. However, a couple of days ago one of them started to _____, which likely to cause the other to withdraw from the whole scheme.
7. Our leading politicians claim that our economy will _____ very fast once the crisis caused by the pandemic is over and everything goes back to normal.

8. Despite the pandemic, the company has just opened three new branches in smaller towns in the country, which means that it has become the market leader in the field of clothing. The management must be very proud to see their enterprise _____.

3 Complete the missing letters (use the text boxes provided to enter your answers).

1. When the riots started in the city centre, the government called in soldiers and policemen to **r** _____ law and order.
2. The invention of the Internet has **t** _____ life on Earth to a considerable extent enabling its inhabitants to communicate with each other and forget geographical boundaries.
3. Old people are so set in their ways that it is practically impossible to **a** _____ their beliefs.
4. If you prepare for the upcoming competition thoroughly, you will considerably **e** _____ your chances of winning the first place.
5. It's a sad truth, but most former criminals **r** _____ to a life of crime as soon as they are released from prison after serving their sentences.
6. According to the *tabula rasa* conception of human existence, we are born into the world with a blank page in our minds. As we **p** _____ through life, we gain a baggage of knowledge and experience.
7. President Kennedy was famous for his efforts to **r** _____ modern society as he took great pains to change the general mentality of America in the postwar years.
8. It is impossible to **r** _____ the effects of life-long smoking: the lungs of a compulsive smoker will never look the same as they had before taking up the habit in question.

4 Use the word in brackets in the correct perfect simple or perfect continuous form (use the text boxes provided to enter your answers).

1. By the time we arrived at the venue, he _____ (already/make) his speech. It's a pity we couldn't listen to it.
2. "It's such a busy day for me. I _____ (work) hard all day long and there is still so much work to be done!"
3. He hopes _____ (receive) his driving licence by the time he turns eighteen.
4. When he arrived at work, he was gasping for breath because he _____ (run) for ten minutes without taking a break so as not to be late.
5. In the last ten years we _____ (visit) five countries.
6. _____ (eat) his breakfast, he put on his uniform and left home for work.

7. There are many people who claim _____ (see) the UFO, but the world of science still _____ (not/find) any evidence proving its existence.
8. By September I _____ (work) in this school for two years.
9. By the time I go on holiday I _____ (finish) my project for the company I work in.
10. The children _____ (have) a snowball fight. That's why their clothes are covered with snow.