

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. It's an old and large house, so the _____ costs are very high. (**PROTECTION / MAINTENANCE / CONSERVATION / PRESERVATION**)
2. Nobody knows what kind of plants you can find at the _____ of the ocean (**BED / END / BOTTOM / DEEP**)
3. How are we going to identify him _____ all these people? It's impossible. (**BETWEEN / WITH / AMONG / TOGETHER**)
4. The _____ Prime Minister has moved to a residence in the countryside. (**FORMER / PRIOR / PAST / LATE**)
5. Nobody _____ me about any changes in the Secretary's itinerary. (**EXPLAINED / INFORMED / REPORTED / ADVISED**)
6. There's no turning back. This is the _____ of no return. (**SITE / MARK / POINT / TIME**)
7. Please, _____ the curtains so that nobody can see us. (**DRAW / TURN / CLOSE / SHUT**)
8. The _____ number of infections has increased to over a thousand. (**WHOLE / COMPLETE / FULL / TOTAL**)
9. The red wine you have spilt _____ the carpet. (**COLOURED / STAINED / POLLUTED / MARKED**)
10. Many animals _____ to other regions when the weather changes. (**JOURNEY / MIGRATE / ROAM / WANDER**)
11. Major newspapers have expressed their _____ about the economic situation of the country. (**CONCERN / ALARM / ANXIETY / DISTRESS**)
12. The manager is always in _____ contact with his players. (**DIRECT / STRAIGHT / INSTANT / IMMEDIATE**)
13. My oldest _____ relative is over 90. (**LIVE / ALIVE / LIFE / LIVING**)
14. Many multinational companies only move to developing countries in order to _____ them. (**MISUSE / DEVELOP / USE / EXPLOIT**)
15. Maths was one _____ I was never good at. (**DEGREE / FIELD / TOPIC / SUBJECT**)
16. Thousands of refugees have crossed the _____ since fighting in the region started. (**BORDER / BOUNDARY / BANK / EDGE**)