

Word formation

Complete the sentences with the correct word formed from the one in capitals.

1. The teacher used a real-life example to _____ the grammatical rule.
(EXAMPLE)
2. Her guidance during the project was _____, and we could not have completed it without her.
(VALUE)
3. Many people say that _____ changes your priorities and outlook on life.
(PARENT)
4. The lawyer argued that his client should not be punished for his political _____.
(CONVINCE)
5. The vandalism of the historic monument was completely _____.
(SENSE)
6. The village was so _____ that tourists stopped constantly to take photos.
(PICTURE)
7. The tests showed a serious iron _____, which explained her constant fatigue.
(DEFICIENT)
8. To access the club's facilities, you must first apply for _____.
(MEMBER)
9. It was incredibly _____ of me to forget her birthday after everything she'd done for me.
(THOUGHT)
10. After years of economic struggle, the country is finally enjoying a period of _____.
(PROSPER)
11. The doctor said the patient's heart rate was _____, so further tests were required.
(NORMAL)

12. Bringing an umbrella is _____ if the weather forecast is correct.
(AVOID)
13. His look of _____ made it clear that he did not approve of their behavior.
(APPROVE)
14. The ocean's _____ can be frightening to those not used to open water.
(DEEP)
15. Many families cannot afford expensive houses, so the government aims to provide _____ housing.
(AFFORD)
16. Regulations are in place to _____ the safety of all passengers.
(SURE)
17. With enough determination, you can _____ any obstacle.
(COME)
18. Regular exercise is highly _____ for your physical and mental health.
(BENEFIT)

Open cloze

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap.

When the company announced that several employees would be **(1) laid** ____, most of us were **(2) taken** ____ **surprise**. There had been **(3) no** ____ **of** any financial trouble, so the decision seemed sudden. The director insisted that there was **(4) no option** ____ **to** reduce staff, since costs had risen sharply.

Many workers expressed a negative **(5) attitude** _____ the company's actions, saying loyalty should matter **(6) much more than the** profit. One employee, Martin, said he was **(7) not used** ____ **being** unemployed, having worked at the firm for almost twenty years.

He told me **(8) ____ the record** that some managers knew about the cuts weeks earlier. Meanwhile, the company also plans to **(9) rip** ____ several departments and rebuild the workspace.

Those who remain **(10) are** ____ **through** a stressful evaluation programme before their positions are confirmed. The pressure may **(11) prevent some people** ____ performing well, especially for younger staff.

Martin, however, may be luckier than he feels. He recently **(12) came** ____ **a fortune** after a distant relative passed away. But he says that money doesn't remove the fear **(13) ____ being** replaced or forgotten.

"I suppose **(14) ____ time** I'll **be** ready for change," he said, "**(15) ____ all accounts**, the industry is moving fast, **(16) Not ____ mention** the emotional strain."