FURTHER PRACTICE 15

I. Write in the correct words.

Jacob's first experience with flying objects **d** _ _ _ **s** (1) back to the memorable day of the 15th of May, 1925. He was then five years old and his father, a civilian pilot, took him to the Bedford airbase where the Royal Air Force were _ _ **r** _ _ _ _ **g** (2) out tests on a prototype of a modern bomber plane.

Dozens of shiny machines standing in hangars _ _ **p** _ _ _ _ **d** (3) the young boy's attention. 'I really felt as though each of these huge steel birds were inviting me for a great _ _ **v** _ _ _ _ _ _ (4) .' - he reminisced later in a newspaper **i** _ _ _ _ **v** _ _ _ (5). Teams of mechanics and navigators were running feverishly around the place while the test pilots were waiting calmly in the scorching sun near the runways. After a few hours of intensive preparations the _ _ **g** _ _ _ **s** (6) finally roared and the first bombers ascended **t** _ _ _ _ _ _ (7) the sky.

It was not earlier than in August 1940 that Jacob himself sat _ _ **h** _ _ _ (8) the wheel in a cockpit of a Spitfire. As a young, but extremely talented aviator he was assigned a place in an assault squadron for a perilous mission during World War II. That was the moment he had been looking _ _ **r** _ _ _ _ to (9).

Much earlier than he had expected, his praiseworthy discipline and the great bravery that he had **d** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **d** (10) in numerous assignments earned him the name of a war hero. Five years after the war, Jacob was offered the function of a military adviser in the Defence Department where he **s** _ _ _ _ **d** (11) for eighteen years until he eventually retired and _ _ **t** _ _ _ **d** (12) down in Gloucester in 1968.

II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. It's Frank's ..... (OBSTINATE) that drives his parents crazy. They can't even persuade him to brush his teeth in the morning.
2. In spite of having rather small ..... (EARN) she lives quite an extravagant life.
3. ..... (OFFEND) such as mugging are quite common in the district. That's at least what the police reports say.
4. Mr Perkins spent two years in a concentration camp after he had been taken ..... (PRISON) in Gdańsk in 1943.

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5. How can you say I'm not ..... (SUIT) for the post? Haven't I got enough experience as a typist?
6. If you don't remember Ann's telephone number now, you can look it up in the ..... (DIRECT).
7. To everybody's ..... (AMUSE) , the clown stumbled on the bar and fell flat on the floor.
8. 'Where's Peter?' 'I suppose he is outside in the ..... (BACK) together with the other children.'
9. The cost of the summer house shouldn't be high as I'm going to have it built on a wooden ..... (FRAME) .
10. Fresh air and a dose of relaxation might prove ..... (BENEFIT) to your health, so don't hesitate and take a few days off.
11. Solar energy, wind and other ..... (NEW) sources might represent an alternative to the conventional ones which cause a lot of damage to the natural environment.
12. The Thompsons have helped us a lot in these hard times. We do feel ..... (DEBT) to them for their great support.
13. The process of the evolution of the human being has always been conditioned by the ..... (CLIMATE) changes.
14. The police car ran into a lamp post while in ..... (PURSUE) of the stolen van.
15. Unfortunately, the chemist couldn't offer any effective medicine for my temporary ..... (SICK).

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

alert	**ample**	**consistent**	**domestic**	**dubious**
minute	**miserable**	**notable**	**overweight**	**petrified**
prompt	**secure**	**skilled**	**strict**	**tempting**

1. Harry claims Mr Mahoney is a reliable character, but I'm rather ***doubtful*** about it. .....
2. Pamela took a ***very small*** portion of the icecream because she said she was on a diet. .....

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3. You needn't hurry, we have got ***more than enough*** time before the ceremony begins.

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4. If you want to get some news from abroad, you ought to read the other newspaper. This one deals with ***home*** affairs only. .....

5. It's important for babies to feel ***safe*** with their parents. .....

6. I don't think it's a good idea to admit Paul to our party. He isn't very ***stable in his beliefs*** and he frequently changes his point of view. .....

7. You can't expect the marine forces to let you join them. You are too ***fat*** to undergo their tough training successfully. .....

8. The most ***remarkable*** of Dimitry Mendeleyev's achievements was the development of the periodic table of the chemical elements. .....

9. The man said he could only offer short-term manual work for ***well-trained*** workers.

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10. The tourists were warned by their guide to be ***watchful*** as there might be snakes moving in the grass. .....

11. If only it stopped raining for a while. I hate to think that this ***awful*** weather is forecast till the end of August. .....

12. It was Jim's ***rapid*** reaction that saved our lives. There's no saying what could have happened if he hadn't noticed the oncoming lorry. .....

13. We found their offer ***most alluring***. However, we couldn't leave our children behind and go skiing for the whole week. .....

14. The law is very ***severe*** in such cases, so I assume the rapist will receive a heavy sentence. .....

15. The zoo visitors were ***scared stiff*** when the two lions got out of their cage.

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IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. Hats like this aren't fashionable any longer.

   ..... **date.**

2. Stanley is rather fearful of the new algebra teacher. **(awe of)**

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3. I'm sorry, I didn't intend to take your book home.

   .....**accident.**

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4. Our father will probably stay longer in Rome than he expected. **(probability)**

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5. The patient's quick recovery after so serious an accident was amazing. **(made)**

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6. How did you manage to carry such a heavy suitcase? **(cope)**

.....?

7. If you let him go unpunished, he will certainly do that again.

Let .....

8. All the passengers of the jumbo jet were killed in the crash.

None .....

9. What was the reason for the engine's breakdown?

Why ..... **wrong?**

10. The young policeman was completely unaware that he was in danger. **(oblivious)**

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V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

earshot	**eye**	**floor**	**glance**	**houses**
large	**matter**	**mood**	**pity**	**root**
side	**spirits**	**stomach**	**time**	**tricks**

1. Mary entered her brother's room and found the boy in high ..... .
   He was enthusiastic about having won a big sum of money in the lottery.
2. You may get drunk very quickly if you drink too much alcohol on an empty
   ..... .
3. Today's newspapers report that the escaped bank robber hasn't been caught yet.
   He has been at ..... since January.
4. The flying instructor has made his students aware that operating a hang glider is no
   laughing ..... at all.
5. I don't want to go the concert! I'm in no ..... for listening to classical
   music this evening.
6. Jason made a few minor mistakes in his exercise, but the teacher turned a blind
   ..... on them and gave him a good mark.

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7. I found out at a ..... that something was wrong between Adam and his wife.
8. Uncle Jerry was the most compassionate person I have ever known. He used to take ..... on all the homeless and beggars he knew.
9. Nobody has examined the question before us, so it may appear to be unusually difficult to get to the ..... of the problem.
10. Don't move from this place! You are as safe as ..... here.
11. Now that Mr Harvey has finished his speech, the ..... is yours. Come and explain your point of view.
12. The number of the syringes the charity has donated isn't big, but it should suffice for the ..... being.
13. It has been decided that the two boys will be expelled from school for playing nasty ..... on the teachers and the other pupils.
14. I don't think there is a need for our players to worry. We are stronger, more experienced and the spectators are on our ....., too.
15. The star's manageress was out of my ..... and that's why I couldn't hear clearly what she was saying.

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