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1. The Green Party are pinning their hopes on ..... energy coming from the Sun in an attempt to break free from the syndicate of oil producing nations.
2. Benjamin got a substantial discount on his insurance when he showed his ..... driving license.
3. Dear voters, I've got ..... hands and I've got nothing to hide. You see you can completely trust me.

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1.I take your ..... about severely punishing those who have committed serious crimes. But giving a life sentence for manslaughter is an exaggeration.
2. You lose a ..... in this game when you don't answer a question.
3. Although it wasn't her fault, Mary somehow knew her colleagues would ..... a finger of blame at her.

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1. The embassy was closed down ..... a recent spate of violence and an upsurge of nationalistic feelings.
2. The band has a huge ..... among teenagers, especially in the USA and Canada.
3. Josh informed us he was going away the ..... day which didn't come as a surprise.

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1. Joanne felt dreadful when her jokes ..... with a wall of silence. All the students were staring at her with blank eyes.
2. The businessman dreaded the thought of disappointing his contractors and ..... the deadline.
3. So far invincible, the Swedish tennis player ..... his match in the Russian rising star.

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1. At the party, Jasmine immediately got involved in small ..... about fashion and men.
2. She quickly became the ..... of the town when she got pregnant. Old women wondered who was the father of the child.
3. The dealer spent hours trying to ..... her into buying the model, but Linda kept changing her mind.

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1. When he found a new ..... in the distant galaxy, he decided to name it after his girlfriend.
2. As the actress was approaching 60 she began to ..... in low-budget films to make ends meet.
3. The prosecution is expected to produce his ..... witness in the case who is going to tear the defense's line of reasoning to shreds.

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1. The sports centre offers a ..... variety of sports facilities such as swimming pools and gyms.
2. All experts agree that a ..... divide is emerging in society. Never before has the nation been so split in their views on moral issues.
3. The ..... thing about these state-of-the-art binoculars is that they allow you to measure distances between you and the objects you are looking at.

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1. Our Volvo has ..... better days. However, we are very attached to this car and won't get rid of it soon.
2. It remains to be ..... how the situation will develop, but let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best.
3. Ricky has always ..... himself as the life and soul of the party. He is, however, a crashing bore.

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1. Johnny, I was really.....with you when you told the interviewer how much I weigh. It's nobody's business.
2. I don't think our paths will ever.....again. I'm going to live in the rainforest with indigenous people.
3. She was the first woman to.....the Atlantic in a hot-air balloon.

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1. Full of beans? Why don't you.....your energy into some sport or hobby?
2. By popular request, the company added a sports.....to its offer in order to attract more TV viewers.
3. The.....that connects the lake with the sea lost its importance once the forests had been logged.

247	

1. He's always wanted to....., but his father keeps telling him he's too young to join the theatre company.
2. The police operation proved successful. The security guard was caught in the .....of stealing classified information.
3. Trying to raise your kids, satisfying your partner and pursuing a professional career seem to be a difficult juggling.....for many burnt-out mothers.

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1. The volunteers were expecting to raise about 20,000 dollars for.....
2. Focus on your family first. As the old adage goes:.....begins at home.
3. The rocker came up with the idea of putting on a.....concert to help the poor in Africa and it met with an enthusiastic response from the music community.

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1. Yes, he did complain about occasional aches and pains shortly after the operation, but now he's as right as .....
2. The plane whizzed overhead spilling a .....of leaflets urging the rebels to surrender.
3. Heavy winds and torrential.....have wreaked havoc in the north of the country.

250	

1. In an attempt to design an improved version of the stealth airplane, scientists were closely examining the bird's smooth movements in.....
2. Once inside the room, he spotted another.....of stairs that he suspected might lead to the professor's secret laboratory.
3. When the ball bounced off the wall and smashed Mr Wilson's window, all the boys took

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The customers were thrilled when the owner of the pub told them everything was on the .....

2.Judging by the way people reacted to his jokes, he really brought the..... down. He was given a standing ovation for his dazzling performance.
3. The castle used to.....a posh restaurant and a luxurious hotel.

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1. Ethnic violence and fighting.....following the assassination of a black human rights activist.
2. The courtroom.....into laughter when the woman said she locked up her husband in the attic because he'd been disturbing her while she was watching a soap opera.
3. Residents began to flee the area in panic soon after the volcano..... sending plumes of ashes into the air.

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1. The incumbent President won in the second round of the presidential elections by a .....margin.
2. I had a .....escape the other day. If it hadn't been for my mother, the car would have hit me.
3. He felt there were too many candidates on the list, so he thought it appropriate to .....it down to only three.

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1. You didn't have to ask him twice. He .....all the information to memory in no time.
2. The tribunal was provided with sufficient evidence that the dictator had ..... some of the worst atrocities in human history.
3. A lot of funds have been .....to the restoration process in parts of Asia ravaged by the tsunami.

255	

1. The jeweller was careful not to fall in the .....set by the conman who tried to swindle him out of his money.
2. The mafia man died in a booby.....blast 10 yards from his house.
3. Jane was caught in the poverty.....She couldn't take this low-paid job as it would mean losing her substantial welfare benefit.

256	

1. The midfielder was .....off the pitch for a brutal foul on the captain of the opposing team.
2. Upon hitting the planet, a huge asteroid has .....tons of dust flying into the planet's upper atmosphere.
3. The lecturer seems to have .....most students to sleep with his long-winded explanation of this very simple process.

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1. The secretary refused to ..... in his personal details as she hadn't received any specific instructions from the boss.
2. She's not really your ....., Eric. Don't get so depressed because she wasn't suitable for you.
3. His blood ..... was A, which ruled him out as the child's father. He gave a sigh of relief.

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1. I would like to have this film ..... by Monday. It's very important to mc.
2. Poor nations often accuse ..... countries of not doing enough to write off their debts.
3.I think I have ..... as an actor over the years. I'm more self-confident now and I have a clear purpose in my professional life.

259	

1. I reckon his high expectations regarding the exam results are based on wishful ..... He will never get more than 50%.
2. 'What did you say?' 'Nothing. I was just ..... aloud.'
3. Laura kept ..... highly of him in spite of the social gaffes he often made in public.

260	

1. The temperature has ..... steadily over the last week which bodes well for those wanting to enjoy the warmth.
2. Unexpectedly, her first record entitled HIGH ..... to number one in the disco music charts across Europe.
3. The burglars must have ..... into the room through the back window.

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1. On his way home, Charlie got ..... in a gigantic traffic jam caused by an unexpected visit of the head of state.
2. When the teacher turned back, she pulled faces and ..... her tongue out to demonstrate her displeasure with the grade she'd got.
3. A clerk came up to the board and ..... another job advert. Soon the unemployed rushed to have a look at it.

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1. Though he desperately tried to free one of his hands, he couldn't as it was held ..... He realized the kidnappers meant business.
2. Sue saw a window of opportunity and made it a point to work with this experienced director. She somehow felt it would mean getting on the ..... track to fame.
3. He didn't hear her come in as he was ..... asleep. He'd been working so long that now he was dead to the world.

263	

1. We refuse to negotiate with terrorists and all those who ..... to violence to settle political disputes.
2. The seaside ..... was virtually swamped by tourists from all over the world in the summertime.
3. Don't worry. I'm not going to mortgage our future. I'll take out a loan from the bank as a last .....

264	

1. Gandhi was renowned for his ..... resistance and other non-violent methods he used to achieve his goals.
2. Even ..... smokers should be concerned about their state of health. Some evidence suggests they may get infections as frequently as those who smoke regularly.
3. The grammar of the language Rick was studying seemed difficult. Especially its ..... voice gave him a lot of headache.

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1. Gary was cautious not to believe the man's promises to get rich fast. He knew full well that making a ..... overnight was next to impossible.
2. Can't we take a rest? My feet are ..... me. We've been doing shopping for the last five hours.
3.I don't think my attitude to mercy ..... will change as I grow older.

266	

1. Being a good student, she was almost sure she would ..... through the examinations.
2. The ship set ..... on its maiden voyage at the end of March with 122 souls on board.
3. After the storm they inspected the boat and to their relief it turned out that only one ..... had been badly damaged.

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1. I couldn't believe my ears and I was so grateful when the bank manager said they were willing to ..... my debts.
2. If the chairman doesn't show up by 3.30, we will have to ..... the meeting.
3. Taken separately, the two forces are powerful. But combined, they ..... each other out.

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1. You'd better listen to me, boys because I'm not going to ..... it. STOP PLAYING PRANKS ON YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.
2. Truancy didn't pay off and Chris had to ..... a year. Luckily, he learnt a lesson and was one of the best students in his new class.
3. By popular request, the channel will ..... the award winning documentary that was last shown two years ago.

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