Fill in the gaps with the words from the box:

gauge	fell short of	rubs off on	dumb down	suffice	have my hands full
a fighting chance	a pittance	irreparable	allot	in droves	bursting at the seams

1. **Mike:** I'm so sorry I broke your vase, it's _____.
   Merrill: Don't worry about it, accidents happen. It's just a vase.

2. **Jack:** Sarah, your positive attitude really _____ your students.
   Kate: Thank you, Jack. I hope they see the value in being optimistic too.

3. **David:** I can't believe I _____ the pass mark on the test.
   Lily: Don't worry, you can retake it. Just study harder next time.

4. **Mary:** Will one cup of rice _____ for dinner?
   Ann: I think we'll need to _____ at least two cups for the whole family.

5. **Tom:** How do you _____ your success as a teacher, Sarah?
   Sarah: I look at my students' progress and their enthusiasm for learning. That's how I know if I'm doing a good job.

6. **Sam:** The stadium was _____ during the championship game last night.
   Rob: I heard the crowd was cheering _____. It must have been amazing to be there.

7. **Valerie:** I can't believe they're only paying me _____ for all this hard work.
   Molly: I know, it's not fair. You should ask for a raise.

8. **Steve:** Can you _____ the instructions for me? I'm having a hard time understanding.
   Holly: Sure, I'll explain it in simpler terms for you.

9. **George:** How do you manage to teach and take care of your kids at the same time, Sarah?
   Sarah: It's not easy, but I _____. It's all about time management.

10. **Susan:** I don't have _____ of winning this competition.
    Nancy: Never say that! You have just as much of a chance as anyone else.

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