consequence

1 Verb + consequence

Use the correct form of these verbs:

consider	*fear*	*ignore*
realise	*suffer*	*understand*

1. I've had too many late nights over the past few weeks. I'm now ..... the consequences!
2. My friend Neil can be very irresponsible. He's always making snap decisions and never ..... the consequences.
3. The lawyer said that her client fully ..... the consequences of her actions and was prepared to go to jail for them.
4. You ..... the consequences of smoking at your peril. I'd give it up now if I were you.
5. The peace process has broken down again. I think the whole world ..... the consequences of another war.
6. I can see now that it was a mistake to let people just turn up without letting us know in advance. I didn't ..... what the consequences would be.

Go back and underline the verb collocations.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

disastrous	*indirect*	*far-reaching*
inevitable	*tragic*	

1. Europeans introduced the rabbit to Australia with ..... consequences. Their numbers grew very quickly and they became a huge problem to farmers.
2. Following the death of 5-year-old Michael Richards last weekend, the police have reminded parents of the potentially ..... consequences of allowing children to light fireworks without adult supervision.
3. The government's investment in road building will have some ..... consequences. For example, fewer goods will be moved by rail.
4. The sharp rise in oil prices in the 1970's had ..... consequences. The whole world was affected by it in one way or another.
5. Huge traffic jams in the city centre were the ..... consequence of the rail strike. Everyone took their cars to work and jammed up the roads.

Now choose the best answer in the following:

6. Unfortunately, there were a number of ..... consequences which nobody could have predicted. *(unforeseen / invisible)*
7. Historians say that it is too early to assess the ..... consequences of the collapse of the Soviet Union. *(long-term / short-term)*
8. The most ..... consequences of raising income tax is that the government will lose the next election! *(likely / unlikely)*



"Suffering the consequences!"

Notes

1. In 2-1 *dire* is also possible and in 2-2 *fatal* can also be used.
2. Note the following expression:
   Scientists report that most of the fish population was killed as a consequence of the oil spill.
   We need to compensate those people who are suffering and dying as a consequence of working with asbestos.
3. Note the use of the verbs *face, take, and accept*:
   These pilots must now face the consequences of their actions and be brought to trial.
   As a manager, you have to be prepared to accept the consequences of your decisions.
   My boss was responsible for the mess, but I had to take the consequences!
4. Note this useful expression:
   Global warming will have disastrous consequences for millions of people living near the coast.
5. If something is 'of little consequence', it is of no importance.

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