Verb Collocations

Use the verbs from the box below to complete the sentences. All verbs should be used at least once and some will be needed more than once. The form of the verb should be changed where necessary.

table	put	cut	hand	draw
pursue	let	drive	serve	call
dismiss	reject	enter	ply	claim
overlook	reach	go	tender	hold
breach	air	climb	relieve	
lay	terminate	apply	give	
return	take	make	miss	

1. Street vendors _____ their trade on street corners across the country.
2. Please, if you have a grievance, by all means _____ it; we don't want there to be any bad feeling.
3. He has _____ in his notice; how are we going to be able to replace him?
4. Either _____ your resignation or I will fire you; it's as simple as that.
5. I can't seem to _____ down a job much longer than a couple of months.
6. I'm _____ a career break to do some travelling while I'm still young and fit enough to make the most of it.
7. We're _____ your contract of employment immediately on account of your abusive behaviour.
8. You are in _____ of your contract; consider yourself _____ of your duties as of now.
9. Why don't you _____a leave of absence to sort out your personal problems and come back to us when you are fully better.
10. We had no choice but to _____ off two-thirds of the workforce.
11. I'm being _____ redundant - they're giving me a £250,000 pay-off.
12. The company _____ under, leaving its 50-odd staff jobless.
13. If you continue to behave so irresponsibly, rest assured that you will be _____ the sack.
14. I _____ my expenses back for the train journey I took to the meeting in Hoburn.
15. You should _____ for that position; I think you would be perfect for it!
16. On account of having _____ one of my targets, I forfeited my bonus; such is life...
17. I am presently jobless and _____ the dole.
18. I intend to _____ my notice period out in full.
19. I am not prepared to _____ on new responsibilities unless I receive a pay rise.
20. The staff at all ten of their centers _____ a lightning strike.
21. We _____ on strike about 6 days ago; so far management have refused to negotiate.
22. This industrial dispute is now drawing to a close as both parties have agreed to _____ into negotiations on a compromise agreement.
23. You _____ a hard bargain, but I agree that your role in this company is central to its success; therefore, I am prepared to offer you a considerable pay rise.
24. We were forced to _____ industrial action when our salaries were _____ by 10%.
25. I have to _____ you go, I'm afraid; it's just not working out for you here if you are honest with yourself, is it?
26. His determination is commendable, but to _____ the corporate ladder he will also require no small measure of cunning.
27. I _____ an offer on the table but it has been firmly _____ . In light of this, I have nothing further to say. See you in court.
28. Both parties have agreed to _____ to the negotiating table in an effort to _____ a compromise.
29. We are being _____ in the courts for damages as a result of an allegation of unfair dismissal.
30. She was _____ on the grounds that she was no longer mentally fit to carry out her role.
31. I _____ the motion, which was seconded by my superior, Roger.
32. She was _____ for the position because the interviewing panel felt there were other candidates with more relevant experience.

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