

Exercise 21

attract · persuade · encourage

WORD BANK

persuade	discourage	persuasively	attraction	unattractive	encouraging
dissuade	encouragement	encourage	attract	attractive	persuasion
attractively	persuasive				

- Her ability to use quiet _____ rather than confrontation was widely regarded as her greatest professional strength.
- The city's rich cultural history continues to _____ millions of visitors from around the world each year.
- It proved difficult to _____ the board to adopt a more ambitious approach to sustainability.
- The main _____ of the new scheme is that it offers flexible working arrangements to all employees.
- The documentary made a _____ case for reforming the way in which criminal sentences are determined.
- Teachers are advised to _____ students to take intellectual risks rather than always playing it safe.
- The report was laid out _____, with clear headings and well-designed graphics that drew the reader in.
- He argued his position so _____ that even his strongest critics found themselves reconsidering their views.
- The early results were highly _____, suggesting that the treatment was having the intended effect.
- The positive feedback she received provided real _____ to continue with the demanding research project.
- The proposal was presented in a highly _____ way, making it difficult for the committee to find fault with it.

Exercise 22

differ · ignore · separate

WORD BANK

separation	ignore	separate	inseparable	indifferently	ignorant
overlook	indifference	differently	different	differ	ignorance
ignorantly	difference				

- Each student learns in a _____ way, which is why a one-size-fits-all approach to teaching rarely works.
- She treated all the applications with apparent _____, showing no interest in distinguishing between them.
- Understanding the _____ between a coincidence and a causal relationship is fundamental to good research.
- The two disciplines are often treated as _____, yet in practice they overlap considerably.
- She was entirely _____ of the fact that her comments had caused considerable offence.
- It can be tempting to _____ critical feedback, but doing so rarely leads to improvement.
- A disturbing degree of public _____ about the legal system was revealed by the survey.
- He responded to every complaint _____, as though the concerns raised were of no relevance to him.
- The committee voted to _____ the financial matters from the broader strategic discussion.
- The two reports _____ significantly in their conclusions, despite drawing on much of the same data.
- The long _____ from her family during the posting abroad took a significant personal toll.

Exercise 23
construct · reflect · disrupt

WORD BANK

constructively	disruptive	disruption	reflection	disrupt	reflectively
construction	unconstructive	reflect	reconstruct	disruptively	constructive
construct	reflective				

1. She gazed _____ out of the window for several minutes before answering the interviewer's question.
2. The _____ of the new terminal is expected to create over four thousand permanent jobs in the region.
3. A sudden change in government policy threatened to _____ the carefully planned timeline of the project.
4. She welcomed the _____ criticism offered by her supervisor, which helped her improve the final draft considerably.
5. The level of _____ caused by the merger was greater than the management had anticipated.
6. The engineers worked around the clock to _____ a temporary bridge that would restore access to the village.
7. The annual report is an opportunity for the organisation to _____ on what it has achieved and where it has fallen short.
8. His behaviour during the meeting was considered _____ and he was asked to leave.
9. The course encourages students to adopt a _____ practice, regularly reviewing their own learning strategies.
10. He responded _____ to the disagreement, suggesting practical ways forward rather than dwelling on past mistakes.
11. After a period of quiet _____, she concluded that her original approach to the problem had been flawed.

Exercise 24

tolerate · select · satisfy

WORD BANK

intolerantly	tolerate	tolerance	intolerant	satisfactory	selectively
satisfy	dissatisfied	select	selection	tolerant	selective
unsatisfied	compile	satisfaction			

- The _____ process for the scholarship is rigorous and places equal weight on academic ability and personal motivation.
- The new regulations were specifically designed to _____ the growing demand for greater transparency.
- Building a culture of _____ and mutual respect takes consistent effort from leadership at every level.
- She derived deep _____ from knowing that her work had made a tangible difference to people's lives.
- A well-functioning democracy must _____ dissenting voices, even when their views are deeply unpopular.
- She was known for being _____ of ambiguity, preferring clear instructions and well-defined expectations.
- The committee reviewed all applications _____, focusing first on those that met the core eligibility criteria.
- He reacted _____ to the suggestion that the policy might need to be reconsidered.
- She was highly _____ about which conferences she attended, choosing only those directly relevant to her research.
- Each candidate was asked to _____ three examples from their professional experience to discuss at interview.
- The inspector described the standards of care as barely _____, noting several areas requiring urgent improvement.

Answer Key

Exercise 21 attract · persuade · encourage

1. persuasion	2. attract	3. persuade
4. attraction	5. persuasive	6. encourage
7. attractively	8. persuasively	9. encouraging
10. encouragement	11. attractive	

Exercise 22 differ · ignore · separate

1. differently	2. indifference	3. difference
4. inseparable	5. ignorant	6. ignore
7. ignorance	8. ignorantly	9. separate
10. differ	11. separation	

Exercise 23 construct · reflect · disrupt

1. reflectively	2. construction	3. disrupt
4. constructive	5. disruption	6. construct
7. reflect	8. disruptive	9. reflective
10. constructively	11. reflection	

Exercise 24 tolerate · select · satisfy

1. selection	2. satisfy	3. tolerance
4. satisfaction	5. tolerate	6. tolerant
7. selectively	8. intolerantly	9. selective
10. select	11. satisfactory	