

# Overview 7

## vocabulary

Choose the word which best completes each sentence.

- 1 He was ..... with an extraordinary musical ability.  
A ensured                      B entrusted                      C entreated                      D endowed
- 2 Not being able to find my phone number is a pretty ..... excuse for not contacting me.  
A fragile                      B frail                      C feeble                      D faint
- 3 In the days before the widespread use of ....., having an operation must have been a gruelling experience.  
A aesthetes                      B aesthetics                      C anaesthetics                      D anaesthetists
- 4 Before their restoration, parts of the medieval building were in a state of .....  
A debris                      B dilapidation                      C devastation                      D destruction
- 5 All equipment must be sterilized and germ .....  
A vacant                      B free                      C vacuous                      D vacated
- 6 During the war, the black market in luxury goods .....  
A flourished                      B flowered                      C bloomed                      D blossomed
- 7 As his aunt's only beneficiary, he came ..... a fortune on her death.  
A upon                      B across                      C into                      D up against
- 8 As he walked along the landing, he ..... himself in the mirror at the top of the stairs.  
A glimpsed                      B glanced                      C gazed                      D glared
- 9 He ..... so much harm on the nation during his regime that it has never fully recovered.  
A indicted                      B inferred                      C induced                      D inflicted
- 10 Please don't ..... it amiss if I make a few suggestions for improvement.  
A think                      B assume                      C take                      D judge

## transformations

Finish each of the sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence before it.

- 1 Experts say that the fall in the birth rate between 1964 and 1977 caused the drop in the number of school leavers.  
The drop .....
- 2 Those at work must pay for the welfare benefits in this country.  
The welfare benefits .....
- 3 Unexpected demographic changes have often proved population forecasts wrong.  
Population forecasts .....
- 4 They drew up emergency plans, later abandoned, to build new cities.  
Emergency plans .....
- 5 They had to make plans for extra places in schools in the 1970s.  
Plans .....
- 6 They say that they have partially repaired the damage caused by the lack of technical knowledge.  
The damage .....
- 7 They feel that the forecasters are doing an unsatisfactory job.  
The forecasters .....
- 8 They dispose of any unsold perishable goods at the weekends.  
Any unsold .....
- 9 We gave the first scheme our approval.  
The first scheme .....
- Our approval .....

- 10 They say that Napoleon died from asbestos poisoning.  
 It .....  
 Napoleon .....

*blank-filling*

*Fill each of the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word or phrase.*

- 1 His fortune was ..... at well over half a million pounds.
- 2 The wedding was ..... about three hundred guests.
- 3 ..... heyday, Baby Doe had been a rich and attractive woman.
- 4 Horace Tabor tried hard ..... for his family's needs.
- 5 He made ..... of answering the pile of letters and was able to leave early.
- 6 The income ..... head here is much lower than in other European countries.
- 7 If you don't help us now, you ..... forgive yourself.
- 8 He has ..... with murder.
- 9 The concert must ..... success, as they raised twice as much as they expected to.
- 10 She is thought ..... born at the turn of the century.

*rewriting*

*For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the words given in capital letters. These words must not be altered in any way.*

- 1 He's tried as hard as he can.  
 BEST .....
- 2 They have narrowed the many applicants down to three.  
 SHORT .....
- 3 I'm not very keen on gold, I much prefer silver.  
 RATHER .....
- 4 He made an unsuccessful attempt to buy the company.  
 WITHOUT .....
- 5 The long-term economic forecast implies that prospects of recovery look bleak.  
 ACCORDING .....
- 6 They disapprove of smoking in this restaurant.  
 FROWNED .....
- 7 When she sold the jewellery at such a low price she was cheated.  
 RIDE .....
- 8 We'd been thinking about helping them for some time.  
 BACKING .....
- 9 Under no circumstances would I have missed the concert.  
 WORLD .....
- 10 You'll just have to take a chance!  
 POT .....