



**Exercise № 1.** Complete each of the quotations with one of the words in the box.

imitation; advice; injustice; kingdom; darkness

- 1) Better to light a candle than to curse the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Do not ask \_\_\_\_\_ of the ignorant.
- 3) Better to suffer \_\_\_\_\_ than to commit it.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ is the sincerest form of flattery.
- 5) It's easy to govern a \_\_\_\_\_ but difficult to rule one's family.

**Exercise № 2.** Choose a word from the box to fit into the following sentences.

wannabe; snail mail; down-sizing; mouse-potato; singleton; grey vote; hot-desking

- 1) I've hardly ever used \_\_\_\_\_ since I got my e-mail connection.
- 2) Most of my married friends think there's a lot to be said for being a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) As people are tending to live longer these days, all political parties are trying to attract the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) I hate the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ as I want to keep my own photos and my personal stationery on my desk.
- 5) He's such a \_\_\_\_\_. His only activity is surfing the net.
- 6) He lost the job he'd had for 20 years when the company began \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) The party was full of \_\_\_\_\_ actors, all competing for the attention of the director.

**Exercise № 3.** Complete these sentences with the appropriate preposition or particle.

- 1) The new school reforms which plan to bring \_\_\_\_\_ regular exams for young children are generally unpopular.
- 2) The bumpy journey brought \_\_\_\_\_ labour and the baby was born on the bus.
- 3) I think the strikes will bring \_\_\_\_\_ some changes in management.
- 4) If anyone can bring it \_\_\_\_\_, he can.
- 5) He won't agree to it for me but she can always bring him \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) She brought \_\_\_\_\_ six children all on her own.

**Exercise № 4.** Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

The experts said, 'If we operate, one will certainly die, the other might live. If we don't	
operate, neither will survive a year'. The parents were faced with the absolute	
(1) _____ of the choice between losing both or just one of their children. The	possible
seemingly (2) _____ debate about the Siamese twins and their fate was a(n)	terminate
(3) _____ popular subject even amongst the British media and their seemingly	explain
(4) _____ thirst for (5) _____ drama. Some felt that in such situations	quench, blow

the death of one twin was somehow (6) _____ and that the argument for losing	ordain
one was (7) _____. Others felt the inevitable death of one through the operation	refute
was (8) _____ behavior and verging on the (9) _____. It was difficult to	ethics, moral
discern what (10) _____ were colouring people's opinions, but informal	conceive
surveys suggested that people were (11) _____ in favour of the operation	dominate
taking place.	

**Exercise № 5.** Underline the word a, b, c or d that best completes each sentence.

- 1) Even the tiniest \_\_\_\_\_ of dust can damage delicate electrical equipment.  
a) piece                      b) portion                      c) shred                      d) speck
- 2) Lawyers claim that there isn't a \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence that would stand up to examination.  
a) touch                      b) tuft                      c) shred                      d) segment
- 3) This particular species had \_\_\_\_\_ of hair behind the ears.  
a) tufts                      b) groups                      c) morsels                      d) pieces
- 4) A constant \_\_\_\_\_ of traffic made its way past the building.  
a) jet                      b) dribble                      c) gush                      d) stream
- 5) News of the stock market crash caused a \_\_\_\_\_ of panic among financial traders in the city.  
a) wave                      b) piece                      c) clump                      d) column
- 6) The plane crashed in a \_\_\_\_\_ of fire.  
a) pile                      b) spurt                      c) mass                      d) ball
- 7) I'm afraid I've completely lost the \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument.  
a) stream                      b) trace                      c) thread                      d) idea
- 8) You need to mix equal \_\_\_\_\_ of oil and lemon juice.  
a) segments                      b) portions                      c) piles                      d) pools
- 9) Do you want to open another \_\_\_\_\_ of orange juice?  
a) packet                      b) sack                      c) cask                      d) carton
- 10) A piece of paper was caught by a \_\_\_\_\_ of wind.  
a) blow                      b) spurt                      c) gust                      d) wave

**Ответы:**

<b>Задание № 1.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	
<b>Задание № 2.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7)	
<b>Задание № 3.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6)	
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<b>Задание № 5.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	6) 7) 8) 9) 10)

**Желаем успеха!**