1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: We don’t fancy *going* (go) out tonight.

1. Dogs must not ______ (bring) into the park unless they are on a lead.
2. I enjoyed the film, despite ______ (see) it before.
3. Carla denied ______ (leave) the car window open.
4. *It ______ (think) that* the gang escaped in a black 4 x 4.
5. *People used ______ (give) longer prison sentences* in the past.
6. The art thieves are believed ______ (take) two priceless paintings.
7. *I’m so sorry – I completely forgot ______ (buy) any milk.*
8. *I remember ______ (play) volleyball in the garden when I was little.*
9. *Janet convinced me ______ (not go) straight to university after finishing school.*
10. The business is going to ______ (sell) next week

2 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: This packet of biscuits has already *been* opened – take it back to the shop.

1. ______ of my sisters are older than me – I’m 23 and they’re 26 and 29.
2. Please close doors quietly so ______ not to disturb other residents.
3. You ______ have spoken to your father like that, it was very rude.
4. My brother’s with me – he insisted ______ coming.
5. Deirdre ______ have gone home – her coat is still on her chair.
6. We love India, but we can’t ______ used to eating spicy food every day.
7. I loved the music, even ______ it was a bit too loud.
8. ______ the cold, we had a brilliant time exploring Greenland.
9. Sally looks ______ if she’s had some really bad news. Is she OK?
10. We’ll have to leave that box. There’s ______ more room in the van.
11. I’m ______ to this kind of heat. I lived in Egypt before I moved here.
12. Do you have a ______ of scissors? I need to cut some wrapping paper.
13. That sounds ______ a really bad idea.
14. I don’t want a coffee, I’d ______ have a tea.
15. I have good chats with my hairdresser while I’m ______ my hair cut.

3 Underline the correct form.

Example: It took me a long time to be / get used to being retired.

1. I know it’s difficult with this noise, but please try to go / going to sleep.
2. We used to live / living in Scotland. It was nice, but the weather wasn’t great.
3. Do you feel as if / like watching a film tonight?
4. I’m going to get my car serviced / get serviced my car tomorrow.
5. I going to (~) / the hospital tomorrow to visit my aunt.
6. All the staff in this restaurant is / are incredibly friendly.
7. There’ll be (~) / a terrible traffic if you leave now.
8. Every / All room in the hotel has a wonderful view.
9. Any / None of the children wanted to go ice-skating so we went bowling instead.
10 Winter is a great time to go to the Canary Islands.
11 You can’t / may have seen Gary here yesterday. He took the day off.
12 We’re going for a walk this weekend, whatever / however the weather is like.
13 Despite / In spite of setting off late, we arrived in good time.
14 I bought a book and a magazine in the shop. The A book is for my sister.
15 I recommend to visit / visiting the new Acropolis Museum in Athens.

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4 Underline the odd word out.
   Example: rash blister toothache sunburn
   1 point wave kneel scratch
   2 biased accurate sensational censored
   3 robbery evidence blackmail fraud
   4 heel calf wrist ankle
   5 judge verdict jury witness
   6 duvet pillow yawn blanket
   7 commentator newsreader advert presenter
   8 stalking robbery mugging burglary

5 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).
   Example: The boys were really tired after their journey. In fact, they were exhausted.
   exhausted desperate stunned
   1 The film tells the story of a bank _______ that goes horribly wrong.
      burglary theft robbery
   2 Government plan to _______ thousands of public sector jobs.
      clash axe quit
   3 There was a big advertising campaign to _______ their latest mobile phone.
      produce launch manufacture
   4 The conferences are _______, in June and November.
      multiannual postannual biannual
   5 A _______ is somebody who studies rocks.
      physicist geneticist geologist
6 Have you ever asked for advice from the ________ in this newspaper?
   agony aunt   critic   paprazzi
7 I have to wake my brother up when he ________ because it’s so loud!
   snores   sleepwalks   yawns
8 We ________ most of our manufactured goods from China.
   import   expands   export
9 Two men have been ________ with bribery.
   charged   arrested   questioned
10 My neighbour won’t ________ if you park your car in front of their house.
   notice   mind   matter

6 Underline the correct word.
   Example: I never raise / rise my voice in an argument.
   1 The drug was withdrawn because of its harmful side results / effects.
   2 We’re looking for volunteers / donors to work in the charity shop on Saturdays.
   3 We’ll have to cut carbon emissions sooner or later / now or never.
   4 Did you notice / realize whether the supermarket was open when we drove past?
   5 Remember / Remind me to buy some stamps when we’re in the newsagents.
   6 My wallet was stolen / robbed from out of my jacket when I went to the toilet.
   7 I hope / expect Helen will come on Saturday. It would be a shame not to see her.
   8 It was a long and difficult journey, but we arrived safe and sound / sound and safe.
   9 This branch did / made the biggest profit last year.
   10 It’s hard to find biased / objective journalism that isn’t obviously left- or right-wing.
   11 I’ve had plenty of downs and outs / ups and downs in my 20-year career.
   12 Prices have raised / risen by over 10% during the last year.

7 Complete the words in the sentences.
   Example: You should brush your teeth at least twice a day.
   1 You’re such a h_______ – you always imagining that you’re ill!
   2 I’ve sent Jenny a lovely b_______ of flowers for her birthday.
   3 I l_______ on the sofa all afternoon yesterday watching TV.
   4 I’m so tired, I can’t stop y_______.
   5 The audience clapped so long that the singer gave another e_______.
   6 I’d hate to suffer from i_______ because I love sleeping!
   7 The traffic going past the hotel kept me a_______ all night.
   8 This hard drive is so small you can hold it in the p_______ of your hand.
   9 The men were tried, but a_______ because of a lack of evidence.
   10 I always enjoy his reviews – I think he’s the best film c_______ around.