1 Complete the sentences using the words in bold.

1 Mr Green is proud of his beautiful garden. (prides) Mr Green ........................................................... garden.

2 She wasn’t the least bit surprised to hear that she had been fired. (surprise) It ........................................................... that she had been fired.

3 You can try to open it with that key, but it won’t work. (point) There’s no ........................................................... it with that key.

4 It is said that Mozart wrote this symphony. (credited) Mozart has been ........................................................... symphony.

5 Many people will do anything to get rich. (lengths) Many people will ........................................................... to get rich.

6 Harold and his wife appear to have no similarities. (common) Harold and his wife appear ........................................................... with each other.

7 Many ecologists have said they are worried about the new problem. (concern) Many ecologists ........................................................... about the new problem.

8 During the storm the river overflowed. (burst) The river ........................................................... during the storm.

9 The youth of today don’t appreciate anything. (granted) Young people ........................................................... these days.

10 Bill, not Jim, was driving the van when it crashed. (driven) The van ........................................................... not Jim, when it crashed.

11 Your brother looks like Elvis Presley. (bears) Your brother ........................................................... Elvis Presley.

12 He isn’t capable of doing the job. (competent) He isn’t ........................................................... the job.

13 Young people today don’t play many board games. (popular) Board games are not very ........................................................... today.

14 Even though he hadn’t been invited to the party, John took advantage of our hospitality and came. (imposed) John ........................................................... by coming to the party uninvited.

15 The letter has nothing to do with you. (concern) The letter ........................................................................ yours.

16 When I was a student, I never had enough money. (short) I was always ........................................................... as a student.

17 The outdoor life doesn’t suit me. (cut) I am not ........................................................... the outdoor life.

18 It was arranged for postgraduate students to use the computer room whenever they needed to. (disposal) The computer room ........................................................... of postgraduate students.

19 It was quite a surprise to me when I failed the exam. (aback) I was rather ........................................................... the exam.

20 I don’t have a timetable and don’t know what time the bus will come. (knowing) Without a timetable, I’ve ........................................................... what time the bus will come.

21 Everyone came to the party apart from Karen. (exception) Everyone came to the party, ........................................................... Karen.

22 The defendant refused to answer questions without his lawyer. (insisted) The defendant ........................................................... present before answering any questions.

23 It isn’t my fault that the bus is late. (blame) I am not ........................................................... the bus’s late arrival.

24 Jack didn’t explain his absence the previous day. (explanation) Jack ........................................................... his absence the previous day.

25 The company would benefit from upgrading its computers. (interests) It would be in ........................................................... to upgrade its computers.

26 I don’t mind if you go out. (objection) I have ........................................................... out.

27 More mathematics teachers are needed in schools. (demand) There is ........................................................... mathematics teachers in schools.

28 Somebody is building some new flats in the town centre. (construction) Some new flats ........................................................... in the town centre.
I never suspected that he was lying. It didn’t occur that he was lying.

The bad weather ruined their holiday plans. (paid) The bad weather totalled their holiday plans.

I didn’t know what to say when I saw the damage to my car. (loss) I was cut when I saw the damage to my car.

It surprised me to see Gill covered in mud. (sight) I was surprised to see Gill covered in mud.

Very few people responded to the police appeal for information. (response) There was a response to the police appeal for information.

I don’t mind if you bring Julie to the party. (objection) I have no objection to bring Julie to the party.

His doctor told him to reduce the number of cigarettes he smoked. (cut) His doctor told him to cut cigarettes.

Jane said some nice things about my new hairstyle. (complimented) Jane complimented my new hairstyle.

The book doesn’t give me the impression of being very optimistic. (come) The book doesn’t come across very optimistic.

The students approved of their new teacher. (met) The new teacher met students’ approval.

We have to learn to accept our limitations. (terms) We have to accept our limitations.

It is completely prohibited to take alcoholic drinks into the stadium. (total) There is a total ban on alcoholic drinks in the stadium.

I can’t be the only person who believes that there is life on other planets. (alone) I can’t be the only person who believes that there is life on other planets.

If we get him an expensive toy we’ll be wasting our money. (waste) It would be wasteful to buy him an expensive toy.

His handwriting is illegible. (sense) I can’t make sense of his handwriting at all.

Roy wore a hat, foolishly hoping that his friends wouldn’t notice his new haircut. (vain) Roy wore a hat in the vain hope that his friends wouldn’t notice his new haircut.

Nobody passed the exam except for Sally. (exception) Everyone failed the exam, except for Sally.

They will not take any late applications for the post. (take) They will not consider any late applications for the post.

There was flooding in many areas due to the heavy rain. (resulted) The heavy rain resulted in many areas.

Very few people came to my party. (hardly) There was hardly anyone at my party.

You hurt her feelings when you said she was fat. (offence) She was offended when you said she was fat.

Not many young people are fond of ballroom dancing nowadays. (popular) Ballroom dancing is popular nowadays.

A lot of people want to buy computers these days. (demand) There is a demand for computers these days.

We knew Mary had painted the graffiti on the wall. (responsible) We knew Mary was responsible for the graffiti on the wall.

All those who think the excursion is a good idea should say so. (favour) Everyone who is in favour of the excursion should say so.

The play wasn’t as good as I’d been led to believe. (short) The play was short of expectations.

He probably won’t know the answer, but you might as well ask. (harm) Although he probably won’t know the answer, you might as well ask.