

Complete the exercise below with the words from the word box.

called to mind	fleshy	slender	investments	synchronised
justified	speechless	ultimatums	antidote	trump card

1. The anti-wrinkle and moisturising effects of this essence, advertised as being the best _____ to aging, are overstated.
2. Revisiting Dresden half a century after being taken prisoner in an underground slaughterhouse there, my grandfather _____ the details of the bombing he had witnessed—a train of memories too traumatic to remember and too hard to forget.
3. Despite strong scientific evidence that _____ people are more prone to cardiovascular diseases, many Chinese still hold on to the superstitious belief that to be overweight is to be blessed with good health and prosperity.
4. The dangerous act of consuming wild animals, which appear to be the hosts of mutated pathogens that induce life-threatening diseases, should never be _____ by mere pleasure.
5. For a profit-driven company, employees are often just _____: the only difference lies in whether it is productivity or profit that is expected from them as returns.
6. After her repeated begging met with her mother's indifference, the little girl played the _____: faking a breakdown by crying hysterically in the corner of the street until her demand was satisfied.
7. A balanced diet and regular exercise are equally conducive to maintaining a _____ and healthy figure.
8. Although Valerie's father was initially struck _____ by his daughter's passionately expressed wish to marry a widower with kids, he broke into a smirk immediately after learning that the man's rich dead wife had left him a billion dollars in her will.
9. Cloud storage, a technology which allows its users to upload documents to the Internet and have them _____ across different digital platforms for viewing and editing, is an accessible replacement of hard disk drives.
10. 'Submit your homework or see you in detention class,'; 'Work overtime or be fired,' These _____, 'either-or' threats that are heard almost every day, never quite work as people hate to compromise under such manipulative tactics.