

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

pleaded	halted	seize	convened	barren	inherit
silhouette	mourn	grouch	petulantly	revitalised	

1. A cultivated farm field turns _____ if it is not properly watered; an educated mind turns shallow if it is not properly nurtured.
2. To deal with the profit loss due to the gradual decline in the number of visitors, the theme park's chief executive _____ a meeting with the seniors to discuss the available means to reboost the park's popularity.
3. Though editors, at times, _____ and whine about the tight schedules of their projects, they remained dedicated to their work, polishing every article like the finest craftsmen do.
4. Caught on camera, the koalas in Australia, whose habitat was destroyed by the deadliest fire in history, _____ on the highway to get a sip of the rainwater left on the road after the downpour. How saddening it is to look at the photos revealing this scourge.
5. Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, who have decided to live an ordinary life and not _____ their British royal titles, must make their own living from now on without the aid of public fund for royal duties.
6. Every year since 2003, flowers, cards and posters are presented on 1st April to _____ the late respected singer and actor Leslie Cheung.
7. What began as a peaceful demonstration in France turned violent when protesters started to _____ set fire to public facilities, in a desperate attempt to force President Macron to withdraw his pension reform proposal.
8. Regretting his acts of violence, the young man, a long-term sufferer of alcohol addiction, _____ for his wife's forgiveness as he was giving his testimony in court.
9. Nowadays, farmlands that have been turned barren by drought could be _____ by cloud seeding, a technique that induces moisture in the clouds to encourage rainfall.
10. In ancient times, a bandit leader would _____ an abandoned castle as his own and designate himself as its governor, then went on to loot the properties of those who reside in the neighbourhood.
11. The sight of an old woman collecting cardboards near the skyscraper's entrance, in _____ against the sky, impressed me with the reality of Hong Kong's economic inequality more deeply and unforgettably than cold facts ever could.