

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

safeguard	slanging matches	offensive	sheer	Vile
malicious	panicky	demeaning	belittle	sift
anonymous	disgraceful	the authorities		

1. Under no circumstances should anyone disclose his or her personal information to an _____ person on the Internet.
2. During the global pandemic, _____ of the hospital still demanded its healthcare staff to report for duty as usual when there was a severe shortage of protective gear: a decision deemed cruel and morale-damaging.
3. 'My parents used to _____ my ambition of becoming a pop sensation because they considered it impractical. Who would have thought that I would become one of the best-selling music artists in Hong Kong, as I am now?' he said during the interview.
4. The politician has been accused of _____ women with sexist language, for he once disgustingly and unashamedly bragged that he had the right to harass them.
5. People who turn a blind eye to child abuse are as accountable to the trauma ingrained in the victims' minds as the abusers because their silence shows their compliance with the _____ treatment of innocent children.
6. Anti-malware software is designed to protect computers from being hacked by _____ programs, thereby preventing personal information and credentials from being collected.
7. The expression 'mentally retarded', considered _____ by many due to its negative connotations, has now been replaced with 'intellectually disabled'.
8. The _____ people, overwhelmed by rumours, were hoarding rice and toilet rolls during the pandemic, despite assurance from the providers that there is no shortage of these essentials.
9. It was perhaps the aspiration to _____ their country that encouraged many youngsters, who had once lived the life of Riley, to have stepped out of their comfort zone and joined the army.
10. Having read the autopsy report of a 9-month-old victim of infant abuse, the forensic pathologist concluded that what the defendant had done was nothing but _____ brutality.
11. Waste sorting is considered conducive to protecting the environment, as it saves the time needed to _____ out the recyclable items from the waste.
12. The ongoing _____ between different parties are not going to resolve conflicts but deepening the rift in society.
13. _____ phone scammers often deploy despicable means such as impersonating a police officer or a government official to defraud the victims of their money.